WEATHER.

Fair and colder Friday; Saturday fair, colder southeast portion; moderate northwest and north winds.

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CARRANZA FAILS TO COMPLY WITH AMERICAN DEMAND

Makes Another Appeal to Modify Protocol, Providing for Withdrawal of Troops.

HOPE NOT YET BANISHED

Joint Commission to Meet Early Next Week, When American Reply Will be Made.

Washington, Dec. 28.—One more appeal for modification of the protocol providing for the withdrawal of American troops from Mexico is made by General Carranza in a message delivered to Secretary Lane today by Luis Cabrera, chairman of the Mexican members of the joint commission. The Mexican first chief replied to the insistent American demand that the protocol signed by his spokesmen at Atlantic City be ratified, with an 800 word document in which he failed to accede to the demand, but refrained from writing anything that could be construed as a flat repudiation.

The latest suggestions for changes in the agreement now will be considered by the three American representatives —Secretary Lane, J. R. Mott and Judge George Gray. Secretary Lane advised his colleagues late today of the character of the reply and asked them to meet him here as soon as they conveniently could. Early next week a joint session of the Mexican-American commission will be held at which the Americans will give the Mexicans their answer and on its nature depends the future course of the commissioners.

Neither Mr. Cabrera nor Secretary Lane would discuss the nature of Carranza's reply. Mr. Cabrera left for New York soon after its delivery and Secretary Lane declined to reveal its character until it had been submitted to his colleagues. The same reticence was displayed at the Mexican embassy.

Mexicans Confident.

It was learned that the Mexican commissioners were confident that no insurmountable barried had been raised by Carranza. It was asserted that utmost care had been exercised to keep out of the reply any expressions or sentiments that might make the situation more complex or that would in any way offend the representatives of the American government. The chief insistence of Carranza has been that the American troops should be withdrawn unconditionally, which the American commissioners would not consider. It was indicated tonight that Carranza's insistence on that point was less pronounced now, and that the change in his attitude has been wrought largely by the altered military situation in northern Mexico.

One Objection Indicated.

There appeared reason to believe that one of the conditions to which Carranza now objects is that under which he would be obliged to garrison the territory evacuated by the Americans as they marched out. It was pointed out that since the protocol was drafted the increased activities of Villa and the steady growth of his army of bandits has made it difficult for Carranza to agree to use any considerable part of his army in the district now occupied by Pershing, when it might be necessary to use the same forces in meeting more active moves of Villa at other points.

In Carranza's latest representation, it is understood, he expressed a willingness to ratify the agreement if a more definite date for the troops' withdrawal were specified and if a more lenient attitude were displayed toward the question of increased bandits activity. Carranza holds that the presence of the American troops on Mexican soil gives Villa pretext for urging the disaffected to join him.

Arredondo Not Recalled.

The report persisted today that Ambassador Designate Arredondo had been recalled by his government and that he was to be succeeded by Consul De Negri, of San Francisco, who would be in charge without diplomatic rank. Mr. Arredondo denied the story categorically and the State Department was without information.

ALL BUT EIGHT OF CARRANZA FORCE OF FIFTY WERE KILLED

Presidio, Texas, Dec. 28.—Of a Carranza force of 50 men from the Ojinaga garrison, all but eight were killed or captured in an engagement with Villa forces at Polcerios ranch, 70 miles south of here, according to a statement at the Mexican consulate here tonight. Colonel Hernandez, commander of the Carranza troops, was one of the survivors. Benigno Quintela, a Villa leader, was killed.

USED PROFANE LANGUAGE TO HIS WIFE, SAY WITNESSES

Testimony Presented Against F. L. Small, on Trial for Murder.

Ossipee, N. H., Dec. 28.—Incidents designed to show that Frederick L. Smil, a former Boston broker, used harsh and profane language to his wife, Florence Arline Small, for whose murder he is on trial, were related in the testimony of several witnesses today.

Philip L. Davis, formerly employed on odd jobs by the defendant, said that on one occasion Small had kicked his wife.

Mrs. Mary E. Conner, wife of the local high school principal, said that Small addressed profane language to his wife on one occasion, because she could not steer his motor boat with a cord that he had arranged.

WEATHER PREVENTS BRITISH 'ADVANCE'

General Maurice Tells Associated Press of Obstacles Encountered on Somme Front.

WATER FILLS SHELL HOLES

Says the Wet Ground and Fogs Make It Impossible to Continue the Offensive Now—First Rumanian Army Re-Formed.

London, Dec. 28.—The continuation of the British offensive along the Somme front is impossible as long as the present weather lasts, Major General Maurice, chief director of military operations at the war office, so informed the Associated Press today.

"I told you some time ago," he said, "that our offensive would not cease during the winter, but it must be apparent from the daily reports that no real battle has been offered in that sector since October. In the first place we under-estimated the effect of the shelling on the terrain. The country over which the advance will have to be made is thickly sprinkled with shell holes filled with water. Also, never having held the same line in any other winter, we underestimated the effect of the fog in the valley of the Somme.

"There have been frequent frosts, not severe enough to harden the ground, but sufficient to form fogs, making artillery observation fire practically useless and also preventing the drying of the ground.

"The French arrived at the same decision and transferred their attention to Verdun with results which you know. We may be able to resume in March as we found the ground at Neuve Chapelle in fairly good shape in March, 1915, although it had been very bad during the winter. Unable to continue the offensive for the present, we have done the next best thing. The taking over of a section of the French line has kept us busy during the last ten days. The operation has been successful and I will be glad to tell you the exact extent of the line taken over when I am sure the Germans know the point of junction.

"In Rumania, the first Rumanian army, which has borne the brunt of the fighting, has been entirely withdrawn and now is re-forming in Moldavia, while its place has been taken by the Russians. In Dobrudja the line has been moved back in alignment with the battle front north of the Danube. In this region both our allies and the enemy are suffering from adverse weather conditions."

NEW APPOINTEES FOR THE OFFICERS' RESERVE CORPS

Names of 121 Men are Announced by the War Department.

Washington, Dec. 28.—Names of 121 additional appointees to the officers' reserve corps created by the National Defense act were made public today at the War Department, after acceptances had been received. They have been assigned in grades ranging between second lieutenant and major, both to line and staff divisions of the army, and are subject to call for active service in time of war.

Seventy-nine of the new reserve officers are in the Eastern department, 33 in the Central, six in the Western and three in the Southern.

A preceding list carried about the same number of names, making the present strength of the new corps about 250. Plans of the War Department contemplate the building up of an officers reserve corps of not less than 50,000 men.

COLLEGES ARE URGED TO AID PREPAREDNESS

By Emphasizing the Necessity of Physical Training.

Officers Elected by National Collegiate Athletic Association, in Session at New York—Addresses are Heard.

New York, Dec. 28.—A resolution endorsing physical preparedness in the cause of National defense was adopted today by the National Collegiate Athletic Association. It was a substitute for one proposed by the conference committee on National preparedness and was as follows:

"Resolved, That this convention calls upon all affiliated persons to give their entire support to the cause of the National defense to the end that the nation shall be assured of immunity from invasion and that all members be urged to emphasize the necessity of physical preparedness on the part of each individual."

An amateur athlete was decided by the convention to be one who participates in competitive physical sports only for the pleasure and the physical, mental, moral and social benefit directly derived therefrom. The vote on this question was 24 to 11.

For the first time in the history of the association delegates were present today from all the districts, representing more than 80 colleges.

Dean LeBaron R. Briggs, of Harvard, who presided, refused to accept another

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ANY ABLE-BODIED MAN HELD LIABLE

If He is Between Ages of 18 and 45 He May be Drafted in the Militia in War Time.

UNDER THE DEFENSE ACT

Further Act of Congress Would Not be Required—When Guard Regiment Called Out a Reserve Battalion Would be Organized.

Washington, Dec. 28.—Every able-bodied male citizen of the United States between the ages of 18 and 45 years is held liable for service in the National Guard in war time, without further act of Congress, by War Department regulations of the government of the Guard issued under the National Defense act.

In a circular prepared nearly two months ago, but made public only today, the militia bureau directs that where a National Guard regiment is called out for war service, a reserve battalion to fill vacancies at the front shall be organized out of the National Guard reserve and by voluntary enlistment.

"If for any reason," the order continues, "there shall not be enough reservists or enough voluntary enlistments to organize or to keep the reserve battalions at prescribed strength, a sufficient number of unorganized militia shall be drafted by the President to maintain such battalion or other lesser reserve unit at prescribed strength."

The language follows closely that of the National Defense act, in which the unorganized militia is defined as including every able-bodied male citizen within the prescribed age limit, or those who have declared their intention of becoming citizens.

The National Guard regulations which will be amplified in great detail later, also strike at the problem of dependent families of soldiers which has cost the government several millions of dollars already through inborder mobilization. Recruiting officers for the National Guard are directed to discourage the enlistment of married men or those with others dependent upon them. Such persons are to be accepted only for reasons in the public interest, men who wish to become officers being the only class specifically excepted.

It is provided in the regulations that no officer of the Guard hereafter shall be recognized as such under the defense act unless he shall have subscribed to an oath binding him to obey the orders of the President and of the governor of his state. Appointments will be made on recommendation to the Secretary of War from governors or the commanding officers of the state or territorial units of the Guard, and after proper physical and mental examination by boards of officers. Promotions will be handled in the same way and any officer, who fails in the examination as to his professional ability, cannot come up for re-examination within a year.

After three years' active service or when the organizations are disbanded National Guard officers may pass into the National Guard reserve.

The reserve is to remain an unorganized body in peace times except for temporary purposes. It will be composed of men who have served three years in active organizations and whose enlistment contracts will require them to serve three years more in the reserve unless they prfer active service. They will hold the same rank in the reserve that they held at the time of furlough from activ service except that when drafter into the Federal service they will report in the grade of private.

BROTHERHOOD CHIEFS BREAK WITH MANAGERS

Conference on Eight-Hour Law Discontinued Abruptly.

Agreement Could Not be Reached as to Wage Schedule Under Adamson Act—Will Await Supreme Court Decision.

New York, Dec. 28.—Conferences between representatives of the railroads and the four brotherhoods of railway employes, at which were discussed the possibilities of a settlement of the eight hour controversy, were discontinued abruptly today when it became apparent an agreement could not be reached.

It was announced by both sides that there would be no more meetings until after the United States Supreme Court hands down its decision on the constitutionality of the Adamson act.

The break came, it was learned, when the railroad representatives refused to concede the demands of the brotherhood chiefs for an agreement looking toward the enforcement of the new wage schedule fixed by the Adamson law which goes into effect January 1.

The brotherhood chiefs held, it was said, that their men had the right to begin drawing wages according to the scale provided by the Adamson law immediately after the law became effective, irrespective of the suits brought by the railroads to test its validity.

A statement issued by Elisha Lee, chairman of the conference committee of railway managers, [illegible]ared the posi.

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RUSSIA IS STILL MORE HOSTILE TO MOVE FOR PEACE

Negative Attitude Strengthened, if Possible, by German Reply to Wilson's Note.

IS REGARDED AS "EVASIVE"

It is Believed Russia's Final Word Will be Said When Answer to President is Made.

Petrograd, Dec. 28, (via London, Dec. 29)—After the recent declarations of the Russian foreign minister and the pronouncement of the Emperor, which vigorously expressed the reluctance of the nation to consider any peace proposals at the present time, it is believed that, except for the formulation of Russia's official reply to President Wilson's note, the last word has been said here regarding the possibility of peace negotiations.

Russia's negative attitude has been strengthened, if possible, by the German answer to the American note which the Russian government considers "not only irrelevant, but impertinent, to the United States," according to information received by the Associated Press.

Russian official circles call attention to the fact that Germany's response "is not really an answer at all since it evades the question of Germany's aims in the war and proceeds prematurely to the consideration of peace which, in the Russian view, Germany knows will be unacceptable to the Allies under the present conditions."

The foreign office denies that other neutral government will follow the lead of the United States and Switzerland and has dissipated the view taken yesterday by part of the press regarding the neutral governments which in the form of a neutral league intended, according to reports to bring combined pressure upon the warring countries in an effort to bring the war to a speedy conclusion.

GERMANY'S REPLY TO THE NOTE FROM SWITZERLAND.

Berlin, Dec. 27 (delayed)—The German reply to the Swiss note was handed to the Swiss minister today. It is on the same lines as the reply to President Wilson, and reads:

"The Imperial government has taken note of the fact that the Swiss Federal Council, as the result of its having placed itself in communication with the President of the United States, is also ready to take action and side with the United States toward bringing about an understanding between the belligerent nations and towards the attainment of a lasting peace.

"The spirit of true humanity whereby the steps of the Swiss Federal Council are inspired is fully appreciated and esteemed by the imperial government.

"The Imperial government has informed the President of the United States that a direct exchange of views seems to be the most suitable means of obtaining the desired result.

"Led by the same considerations that caused Germany on December 12 to offer her hand for peace negotiations the government has proposed an immediate meeting or all the belligerents at a neutral place.

"In agreement with the President of the United States, the government is of the opinion that the great work of preventing future wars can only be taken in hand after the present world war has terminated. So soon as that moment comes they will joyfully be ready to co-operate in this sublime task.

"If Switzerland, which, faithful to its noble traditions, in mitigating the sufferings caused by the present war has won unending gratitude, will also contribute to safeguarding the world's peace, the German nation and government will highly welcome such action."

NORWEGIAN LABOR PARTY SENDS MESSAGE TO WILSON

London, Dec. 29.—The Norwegian labor party, says a Reuter dispatch from Christiana, has sent to President Wilson the following message:

"The Norwegian social-democracy, numbering a third part of Norwegian electors, expresses sympathy with President Wilson's energetic labor for the conclusion of the war of barbarity and the establishment of a lasting peace."

The Norwegian peace union has resolved to send the Norwegian government a declaration urging the government to support every well-founded effort to attain a lasting peace based on respect for international rights and the indepence of nations.

AUSTRIAN CIVILIANS FAVOR SEPARATE PEACE, IS REPORT.

London, Dec. 29.—Recent reports from Switzerland have reported the internal conditions in Austria-Hungary as so serious that those governments are prepared to negotiate direct with Great Britain and France, preferring a humiliating peace to what has been termed inevitable bankruptcy and ruin.

The Morning Post's Budapest correspondent, writing December 22, records opinions to the foregoing effect as being prevalent in some quarters in Austria-Hungary but in no wise confirms the view that they are favored by the Austrian and Hungarian government. On the contrary, the correspondent contends that however much a separate peace may be desired, it is almost unthinkable and certainly for the present impossible. He concurs with the

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PRESIDENT AND SECRETARY LANSING ADOPT POLICY OF SILENCE REGARDING PEACE

All Steps Hereafter Will be Considered by American Government as Confidential—Secret Exchanges With Belligerents May Take Place—Teutonic Allies Would be Willing to Outline Terms, if Necessary to Gain Conference.

Washington, Dec. 28.—A policy of absolute silence regarding the peace negotiations has been adopted by President Wilson and Secretary Lansing. It was stated officially today that all steps henceforth will be regarded as confidential; that no comment will be made on any development and that rumors will not be discussed in any way.

The decision to pursue this course was made known after the State Department had received the official texts of the German and Austrian replies to President Wilson's identic notes to the belligerents proposing a discussion of peace terms, and after it was learned that the Teutonic powers would be willing to permit a confidential exchange of tentative terms if it became necessary to do so to bridge the gap threatening to prevent a gathering of peace delegates.

Secret Exchanges May Follow.

In many quarters the official attitude was construed as indicating that secret exchanges were expected to follow, if they did not precede the formal answers of the Entente nations to the notes of President Wilson and the Central Powers. Because of the highly confidential nature of any such negotiations, it is pointed out, the intermediary would be obliged to refrain from admitting even that they were in progress.

So far as the Entente governments are concerned, it is understood that little if any confidential information has reached here to shed more light on their attitude than has been given publicly in the speeches of their premiers and the comment of their press. Consequently, there is no disposition here to doubt that the Allies unanimously will refuse to enter any sort of peace conference until Germany has indicated herself clearly on what conditions she will stop fighting.

Germany Open to Suggestion.

On the Teutonic side, while the reply to President Wilson is regarded by the German embassy as complying with President Wilson's suggestion in offering a method of procedure, Germany is said to be willing to consider other suggestions regarding methods from any quarter, including her enemies.

The views of the German government, further are represented as being as follows:

If the Entente considers that guarantees for the future are the principal elements to be achieved, and, lacking confidence in the German government, insists upon knowing some of the guarantees that Germany is willing to give, the Berlin government might make some declaration regarding the principles to which she is willing to subscribe, leaving details for settlement at the proposed conference. The German government considers that there is but little to be gained by going into any lengthy discussion of guarantees for the future with the present war in progress. In this connection Germany, it is asserted, never has intended that the conference suggested should result immediately in the establishment ofpeace. It is considered that it necessarily would be of a preliminary nature to determine whether it might not be possible to end the war.

Germany's Proposed Plan.

According to the German diplomats, the plan Germany is proceeding upon would provide that the delegates should first agree upon territorial and immediately connected terms, and that a preliminary treaty then should be settled upon. This complete, the German idea is to have all the neutrals called in to participate in consideration of the questions of guarantees for the future. They regard it as a matter for the conference to settle whether the neutral nations should become signatory to the entire peace treaty or one to that part having to do with guarantees for the maintenance of peace in the future, such as freedom of the seas, limitation of armaments, formation of a world league to enforce peace and establishment of an international court of arbitration.

Diplomats familiar with the viewpoint of Germany and her allies were especially emphatic tonight in saying that Germany necessarily would be able to make much better terms in confidential negotiations than in public. The radical element in German politica, it is said, must be considered. Under any circumstances, however, it was said Germany would not consider making peace if the Entente should insist upon retaining Germany's lost colonies, and requiring Germany at the same time to evacuate all enemy territory now occupied.

In admitting today that no further communication had accompanied the German or the Austrian reply to the President's note, officials stated flatly that such questions to this effect in the future would not be answered.

Notes Vary Slightly.

The official texts of the German and the Austrian replies, received today varied slightly from each other and from the original cabled press translation. Most of the difference, officials thought, was in the warmer, more cordial tone of the official version.

Differences between the two replies were noted, with interest. For instance, the German reply refers to the President's note as calling for the creation of a basis for the foundation of a lasting peace, while the Austrian note has it an "exchange of views for the eventual establishment of peace."

Germany proposes "the speedy assembly on neutral ground of delegates of the warring states," and Austria "proposed that representatives of the belligerent powers convene at an early date at some place on neutral ground."

The most decided difference noted was in Austria's ascribing to President Wilson himself the view that it was necessary to postpone dicussion of guarantee for a pemanent peace. The Austrian reply "concurs with the President that only after the termination of the present war will it be possible to undertake the great and desirable work of prevention of future wars."

Wilson's Note Misconstrued.

The President's note says the United States will be glad to co-operate towards permanent peace "when the war is over" but did not specifically declare the two subjects could not be discussed at the same time. In the allied countries there is uncompromising hostility to any plan not guaranteeing "reparation, restitution and guarantees."

Statements in the Austrian press which have turned from hostility to the President's note to expressions suggesting that he is allied with the Central Powers for the accomplishment of the same end, caused further embarrassment here today in the administration's attempt to disassociate the American action from the Central Powers' note of six days before. The official text of the German note follows:

Text of German Note.

"The imperial government has accepted and considered in the friendly spirit which is apparent in the communica-

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IMMEDIATE RETURN OF CARS MAY BE ORDERED

Question Taken Under Advisement by Commerce Commission.

Commissioner McChord Says Roads are Violating Written and Verbal Agreements—Objection Raised by Railroads.

Washington, Dec. 28.—After an all day hearing, the Interstate Commerce Commission today took under advisement the question of whether it shall seek to solve the car shortage problem by ordering all railroads to return cars of other lines to their owners immediately upon unloading.

Railroad representatives, headed by W. W. Atterbury, vice president of the Pennsylvania and president of the American Railway Association, appearing in response to a summons to show cause why such an order should not be issued, earnestly urged against the action. They declared that most of the roads were doing their best now to deal fairly with the public and argued that a hard and fast rule by the commission would interfere with operations and make the situation worse.

Commissioner McChord said the railroads seemed to pay no attention to the orders of the railway association which has adopted various drastic measures to relieve car shortage. "The railroads," he said, "not only have violated their written and verbal agreements, but they have deliberately been from each other."

When Atterbury objected, saying

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MACHINE IS DEVISED TO PHOTOGRAPH SOUND

Vibrations of the Human Diaphragm Flashed Upon Screen.

Association for Advancement of Science Witnesses Machine in Operation. Various Topics are Discussed.

New York, Dec. 28.—A machine that "shows how sound looks," a restored "pithecanthropus erectus" who roamed the earth 500,000 years ago as the "missing link", a discussion as to whether man has been on this continent 125,000 years or 300,000, and many addresses on modern economic and humanitarian subjects made up the interest at the various sessions of the American Association for the Advancement of Science here today.

The sound machine, which is called the "phonodeik", photographs the vibrations of the human diaphragm governing the volume and cadences of the voice and projects them, magnified 40,000 times, on a screen. When the demonstrator spoke the word "war" into the machine a confused irregular blot of light flashed upon the screen. Pronunciation of "peace" produced in marked contrast a mild glow regularly and delicately outlined. A record of Caruso's voice caused a broad, violently fluctuating line of light, while Tetrazini's voice showed as a finely penciled dancing path of light.

The discussion as to the antiquity of

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FRESH GAINS IN WALLACHIA MADE BY THE TEUTONS

Berlin Reports Capture of 3,000 More Prisoners and Twenty-Two Machine Guns.

ACTIVITY AROUND VERDUN

Greeks Who Were Interned in Germany Reported Ordered to Fight Against Allies.

The latest official communication from Berlin records fresh advances for the Teutonic Allies against the Russians and Rumanians in Wallachia. The invaders now are well beyond Rimnik-Sarat, advancing along the railroad toward Fokshani. Three thousand more prisoners and 22 machine guns have been captured by the invaders, bringing the number of men taken in the Rimnik-Sarat maneuver up to 10,200.

Although the Berlin war office reports that the Teutonic Allies in Dobrudja are keeping up their pressure against the Russians and Rumanians and have forced the Russians from fortified height positions east of Matchin, on the east bank of the Danube, opposite Braila, Petrograd announces that the invaders south of the Danube have been repulsed with heavy losses, except at the village of Rakel, which has been occupied by them. British armed motor cars, says Petrograd, did great execution in this fighting.

Considerable fighting has again taken place on the Verdun sector around Le-Mort Homme and on the eastern slopes of Hill 304, where the Germans made an attack but were repulsed, and where later the French bean a bombardment of the German positions. Elsewhere along the French front there have been reciprocal bombardments and attacks by small patrol parties interspersed with fighting in the air and aerial raids by French, British and German aviators. In the encounters in the air each side is reported to have lost machines.

In the Austro-Italian theatre, the weather has cleared and the artillery duels have been renewed with vigor, especially on the Carso front. In Macedonia, except for British attacks against the Bulgarians northeast of Lake Doran, which Berlin reports were successful, comparatively quite still prevails.

South of Brody in Galicia the Germans have brought their howitzers into play against Russian positions and at various points have damaged their trenches.

Unofficial advices received in London from Saloniki say the Greeks who surrendered to the Bulgarians at Kavala and were interned in Germany have been ordered by King Constantine to proceed to the Macedonian front to fight against the Entente Allies. Simultaneously from Athens comes an unofficial dispatch announcing that Greece is addressing another note to the Entente, declaring that unless there is a change in the Entente blockade, Greece may be forced to seek the advice of the nation concerning the course to be followed.

COUNT CZERNIN IS NOW THE AUSTRIAN FOREIGN MINISTER

Berlin, Dec. 28, (via Sayville).—Count Czernin, the Austro-Hungarian foreign minister, has sent a telegram to the German chancellor announcing that he has taken possession of his new office and asking for the chancellor's "precious co-operation in the fulfillment of our task," says the Overseas News Agency. Count Czernin is quoted by the agency as also saying:

"Our alliance has formed the main pillar of our foreign policy. For more than three score years and ten it had given to our nations and to Europe the blessings of peace and had fostered prosperous evolution. Now it has proved its value in our heavy struggle against powerful enemies, whose aims was our destruction. The heroic courage of the allied (Teutonic) armies and the self-sacrificing co-operation of the nations will, I am sure, bring final success and with it a guarantee for our existence and our future."

The German chancellor, in replying, thanked Count Czernin and added:

"Our alliance creates a firm and unshakable basis upon which, as I confidently trust, our common work will bring the war to a good ending and, after a victorious peace, will firmly establish and foster the welfare of our nations in mutual, trustful co-operation."

SAYS RUSSIANS ASSASSINATED OVER 6,400 IN EAST PRUSSIA

Berlin, Dec. 28, (via Sayville).—"The number of civilians assassinated in East Prussia in 1914 during the Russian invasion has now been officially made public by the Koenigsburg statistical office and totals 6,408, of whom 99 were women," says a statement today by the semi-official Overseas News Agency. "Among these," adds the statement, "338 men and 58 women were shot, 48 men and one woman stabbed, 27 men and one women beaten to death, six men and five women burned and one man choked to death and two men killed during the hold up of a train. Of 167 men and four women, only 'murder' is given as the cause of death."

ORDER OF MERIT BESTOWED UPON SUBMARINE CAPTAIN

Amsterdam, Dec. 28, (via London).—Announcement is made in the Berlin newspapers that the Order of Merit has been conferred on Captain Valentiner, captain of a German submarine, for sinking 128 ships of a total tonnage of

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WILL URGE MORE PAY FOR STATE OFFICERS

Craig Will Remind Legislature of Higher Cost of Living.

Clerks in State Department Also Ought to Have More Pay, Craig Thinks. Reward Offered for Negro. Charters.

(Special Star Correspondence).

Raleigh, N. C., Dec. 28.—It developes that Governor Craig is to very earnestly urge upon the Legislature that there be reasonable increases in the salaries of the State officers and of the clerks in the various departments of State, the increases that are to be sought including $7,500 for the governor, $5,000 for members of the Supreme Court bench and other State officers and clerks increased in proportion.

There is insistance that there has been a 40 per cent. increase in the cost of living during the past ten years and that there have been practically no increases in the salaries of the State officers and employes to keep pace with this higher cost of living.

A. H. Arrington, who is retiring from the position of teller of the State Treasury to engage in private business, has prepared an elaborate statement showing the increased cost of living and the disproportion of the salaries in this State to salaries paid by other states of like progress.

Reward Offered for Negro.

Governor Craig offered a $100 reward today for a negro who invaded the home of Effie Rentter, in lower Green county, in the absence of her husband, and failing in criminal assault, knocked her senseless and brained a ten-year-old nephew lest he should reveal his identity. The boy will die. The negro is supposed to have fled the State. The people of the locality have offered $100 reward in addition to that offered by the State.

A charter is issued for the United States Advertising Co., of Asheboro, capital $100,000 authorized and $5,000 subscribed by W. C. Hammond, W. A. Wiles and others for a general advertising business.

Another charter is for the Burwell-Walker Co., of Charlotte, capital $50,000 authorized and $15,000 subscribed by A. Burwell, J. R. Walker and others for a general automobile business.

Another charter is for the Hotel Building Co., of Greensboro, capital $125,000 authorized and $5,000 subscribed by E. P. Wharton, A. L. Brooks and others to erect a model hotel in Greensboro.

SHERIFF AND SUPERINTENDENT OF PRISONS KILLED BY GAS

Two Officers of Oconee County, S. C., Found Dead at Elizabeth N. J.

Elizabeth, N. J., Dec. 28.—John W. Davis, sheriff of Oconee county, South Carolina, and William C. Foster, superintendent of prisons of the same county, were found dead today from the effects of inhaling illuminating gas. The officials had come from Walhalla, S. C., to take back John Walker, a negro accused of murder in Madison, S. C. The police are convinced their deaths were accidental.

BROTHERHOOD CHIEFS BREAK WITH MANAGERS

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tion assumed by the railroads on this point. The statement said:

"The railroads will await the decision of the Supreme Court in the Adamson law test case. By agreement with the Department of Justice at Washington, the railroads will keep a record from January 1 of the wages of all employes affected by the Adamson law, in order that, if the law is upheld by the court, the employes will receive the extra back pay due them. The rights of the employes in the interval will thus be amply protected.

"The statement has been made in the press that the conference committee has been aiding a bill to be supported by the railroads and the employes alike, and to be offered as a substitute for the legislation proposed by the administration, to hold strikes in abeyance until after an investigation by a public body. The National conference committee has not been a party to such a programme."

The railroad managers said it would be folly for them in view of the award made last week by a board of arbitration in the case of the Switchmen's Union to pay the 50,000 switchmen who are members of the brotherhoods at the rate of 10 hours pay for an 8-hour day, when the award grants only 9 hours pay for 8 hours work.

Other than to say that they expect to return to their homes in 24 hours, the brotherhood leaders refused to be quoted after the meeting.

PRESIDENT GIVES WARNING ON PUBLIC BUILDINGS BILL.

Says He Will Veto the Measure if Passed in Its Present Form.

Washington, Dec. 28.—President Wilson told callers today that he would veto the $28,000,000 public buildings bill if it comes to him in the form in which it is now pending in the House. Its advocates plan to seek to obtain a rule for consideration of the measure by the House soon after the Christmas recess. The President has reached no decision on the Rivers and Harbors bill, laid before him recently by Chairman Sparkman, of the House Rivers and Harbors committee.

Sacramento, Cal., Dec. 28.—An increase in subscription and advertising rates as a means of fighting the high cost of newsprint paper is favored by members of the California Press Association, according to a report made today by a special committee of the association.

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DEATH LIST NUMBERS 17.

Two More Bodies Found and One Person Injured in Tornado Dies.

Little Rock, Ark., Dec. 28.—With the finding today of the bodies of two negroes near Pine Bluff and the death of one of the injured, the number known to have lost their lives in the tornado which swept through several counties in south central Arkansas Tuesday was increased to 17. Six were white. Fifty-two persons were injured.

BANK'S DOORS CLOSED.

Millen, Ga., Institution in Hands of State Bank Examiner.

Millen, Ga., Dec. 28.—The Jenkins county bank closed its doors here late today and posted a notice saying the bank's affairs had been placed in the hands of the state bank examiner. The bank was capitalized at $25,000. No reason was given today for the closing.

IMMEDIATE RETURN OF CARS MAY BE ORDERED

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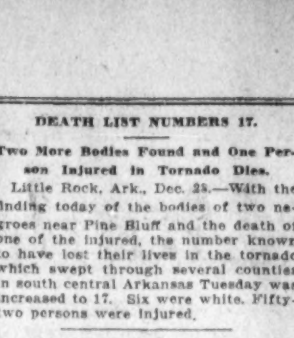
engaged in the pastime of stealing cars that statement could not be accepted as true, Mr. McChord said he had seen a letter from one president stating that other executives were not going to heed the orders of the association's car service committee.

There is no car shortage for normal traffic, Mr. Atterbury insisted, and there should be no hard and fast commission order based on an abnormal situation, which, for instance, has transferred the Pennsylvania from a car credit or business originator, to a distribution system for other lines originating traffic. New England, the witness said, already had straightened out its traffic and conditions never had been better than there. He pointed out particularly what had been accomplished by the New Haven. All the railroad men scented danger in any commission order because of the law imposing a $5,000 fine for violations of Interstate Commerce Commission orders.

LEADERS IN CAMPAIGN FOR JEWISH CHARITIES



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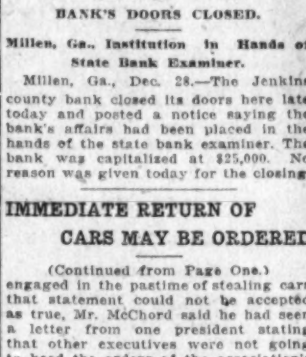

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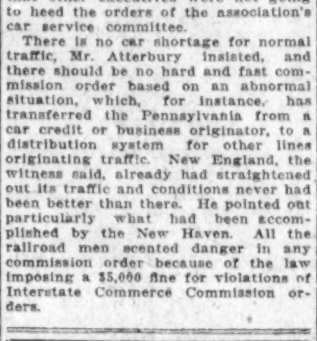

CYRUS SULZBERGER.

JULIUS ROSENWALD.

The work of New York Jewish women in the successful effort to establish the federation, which recently completed the collection of $2,000,000, has been so conspicuously helpful that a permanent women's committee is to be formed to carry on activities in behalf of the federation all the year round. The committee will devote much time to activities among the various institutions affiliated with the federation, and it is expected several thousand women will be brought in the future to take a personal interest in charitable and relief work among New York Jews. The committee will open permanent headquarters within a few days and will start to do its part in collecting the additional million required by the federation for the coming year. The federation embodies an idea new in Jewish philanthropic work. The idea was to raise all the funds which all the Jewish institutions in the city would need in one great campaign, thus relieving the public on the one hand and the institutions on the other from the necessity of constant begging. Conspicuous in making the plan a success were Rev. Dr. Magnes, Louis Marshall, Cyrus Sulzberger and Julius Rosenwald.

TOTAL OF 1,098 MILES NEW RAILROAD BUILT DURING 1916

This Was Smallest, With Exception of 1915, Since Civil War.

Chicago, Dec. 28. — Although the year 1916 was one of record-breaking traffic and earnings, new mileage built was the smallest, with the exception of 1915, since the Civil War, according to a review of the railroad situation which will be printed in tomorrow's edition of the Railway Age Gazette. In 1916, 1,098 miles were constructed, compared with 933 the preceding year. The second track mileage of the year was 356, or 44 miles less than in 1915. In Canada only 290 miles of new track was laid.

New mileage projected in the United States is 727, that being surveyed 2,216 and that being actually built 1,060.

New rolling stock orders call for 170,000 freight cars, 2,349 passenger coaches, and 2,922 locomotives. The freight cars ordered outnumber those of the preceding year by 63,000. Freight cars sold abroad increased 100 per cent. and locomotives nearly 400 per cent.

There was a small reduction in the railroad mileage in receivers' hands—63 railways with a mileage of 34,559. At the beginning of the year this mileage was 38,661.

"The outlook for greater prosperity for the railroads and affiliated industries, and for a larger expansion of railway facilities during the next few years, seems promising," concluded the review.

SAYS THE MONROE DOCTRINE WOULD NOT BE JEOPARDIZED

Should the United States Join League of Nations to Enforce Peace.

New York, Dec. 28.—"For the United States to join a league of nations to enforce world peace after the present European war would in no wise be jeopardizing the Monroe Doctrine—certainly not to any greater extent than it already has been jeopardized by some 30-odd treaties," was the view expressed here tonight in a formal statement issued by the League to Enforce Peace, of which former President Taft is the head.

"The fact is that since 1913," the statement says, "the United States has become a party to treaties with France, Great Britain, Russia, other European and South and Central American states, in which the high contracting parties agree that all disputes between them, of every nature whatsoever, to the settlement of which previous arbitration treaties or agreements do not apply in their terms or are no tapplied in fact, shall, when diplomatic methods of adjustment have failed, be referred for investigation and report to an international commission and they agree not to declare war or begin hostilities during such investigation and before the report is submitted.

"Plainly, therefore, the United States is already bound to submit disputes, even involving the Monroe Doctrine, to a body which would meet the requirements of the platform of the League to Enforce Peace."

MACHINE IS DEVISED TO PHOTOGRAPH SOUND

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man on North America, by the American Anthropological Association, revolved around human remains and other objects recently found at Vero, Fla. Dr. Ales Hrdlicka, curator of anthropology at the United States National Museum, Washington, D. C., placed the age at 125,000 years, but Dr. O. R. Hay, of the Carnegie Institution of Washington, contended that the evidence showed men lived here no less than 300,000 years back. He took part in the excavation of the find and said among the remnants of animals found were bones of a ground sloth as big as an elephant.

In an address tonight on "Infantile Paralysis and the Public Health," Dr. Simon Flexner, director of the Rockefeller Institute for Medical Research, declared that he is "more or less fearful that infantile paralysis may be more widespread in the United States next summer, but there may be perhaps not so much of it in the eastern states."

Dr. Flexner asserted that it now is possible to say that the disease is infectious and contagious, and is caused by a living micro-organism.

"I believe that the disease is here to stay for a period," he told the scientists. "It has never disappeared since its introduction here in 1906. The indications are that the community that suffers severely one year may escape the next."

"Prior to 1906," Dr. Flexner continued, "this disease established an endemic home in North Europe. In 1906 something happened to change this. That year the disease migrated and came here, and at the same time extended over European countries which had prior to that been free of it. It is the first time in the history of any disease that an epidemic has circumnavigated the globe.

"One of the puzzles of this disease is that the term infantile paralysis is not correct. It is a misnomer, because the disease can appear without any paralysis whatever resulting. Paralysis is merely an incident of the disease. During the recent epidemic more persons had it and were not paralyzed than had it and were paralyzed."

That the quality of parenthood will be impaired, perhaps for generations, among the peoples of the warring nations, due to the unprecedented nervous strain resulting from the methods of waging the struggle, was the opinion of G. Stanley Hall, Clark University, in an address tonight on "Psychology and War," before the American Psychological Association."

With its high explosives, poison gases, the fatigue and the demoralization deliberately planned by each enemy, and continuous day and night bombardment before the infantry advance, he said, it was no wonder each belligerent has had to develop a new type of hospitals for cases of shock.

Dr. Arthur A. Noyes, Massachusetts Institute of Technology, one of a committee of chemists appointed by the National Academy of Science to make investigations for the government in its preparedness programme, suggested that the government should lay in about 250,000 tons of nitric acid, or 300,000 tons of saltpetre, which would be sufficient to produce ammunition to last this country one year, in case of war.

Dr. Noyes also estimated that $3,000,000,000 would be added to the value of American crops if the cost of fertilizer could be reduced to two-thirds of its present price and applied to the grain crop.

MR. HUGHES ELECTED

Becomes President of Legal Aid Society, Succeeding Von Driesen.

New York, Dec. 28.—Charles E. Hughes today was elected president of the Legal Aid Society to fill the vacancy caused by the recent regisnation of Arthur von Driesen. Mr. Hughes has been an honorary vice-president.

TAX OFFICIAL'S LAMENT

Assistant City Tax Collector Utereth Entreaties and Also Dire Threats Against Delinquent Taxpayers.

Behold once more the assistant city tax collector, Walter Blair, uttereth a lamentation. When some time since Collector Blair caused to be placed in public print that city taxes were due on October 1st, he went about with a joyous heart and a happy mind, saying unto himself: "Behold, my work is done."

But time passed, and the shekels came not in the shape of the golden-tinted notes, for which, forsooth, he would gladly have exchanged handsomely engraved tax receipts showing that the holders thereof had discharged their obligations to their city government.

And then once more he lamented, and behold his lamentations were greeted with laughter. And those who heard him smiled, saying: "Lo! He is funny; we will watch him lament some more." But a few there were who pitied him in his agony and harkened unto his grief.

And then the collector grew wrathful when he perceived that his sorrow was scoffed at, and summoned forthwith to his lair in the city hall ye scribe, and said: "The city sorely needs cash. It needs 25,000 'iron men' for our prosperous citizens are $15,000 behind in the payment of their tax obligations as compared with the same date last year."

"Put the costs on them, garnishee their ducats, draw warrants against the delinquents," advised ye Scribe, "and lament no more." Whereat a smile again appeared on the Collector's countenance, and he said: "By Jiminy! I'll do it. Behold, my patience is long, but it hath a limit, and that limit is near at hand."

So, if you don't watch out the long hand of the law will reach out and nab the delinquents, even though they own no more than their polls, for the tax thereon is due and the law sayeth it shall be collected. If you own city property the tax thereon was also due on October 1st. If you are a grocer, pool room proprietor or conduct any sort of business on which a privilege tax is imposed, it was due on December 1st. Hence if you belong to any of these classifications bring in thy tax money that ye may have credit in the archives of your native city's tax office.

WILMINGTON FANS TO SEE TWO BIG BATTLES TONIGHT

Hanson Meets Sarvos and Massimo Tackles Albright—Begins at 8:30.

The flags of four nations will wave in the ring at Woolvin Hall tonight when the big double wrestling bill will be presented to the fans as a holiday offering. Italy and Ireland will lock horns in the first bout, and Sweden and Greece will clash in the second.

The opening attraction will be between Toney Massimo, of Washington, middleweight champion of Italy, and Con Albright, a husky Irishman from Greenville, S. C. The second will be

TONEY MASSINO.

fought out between Fritz Hanson, the popular local Swede, and George Sarvos, a Spartanburg, S. C., Greek.

Massimo is one of the finest specimens of physical manhood in the world and when not wrestling he is engaged in posing for a Washington studio. It is probable that he will pose for the local fans tonight and give them a view of his splendid muscular development.

Hanson announced last night that John Olin, the heavyweight champion, who downed Joe Stecher in Springfield, Mass., a few weeks ago, will probably be the next attraction in Wilmington. It has not been announced who his opponent will be, but it is likely that Tommy Draak, the Belgian crack, will be selected. These two were to have met here tonight, but the champion refused to work during the holidays.

Fritz is to meet the middleweight champion of England in Columbia next Wednesday night and the South Carolina fans are expecting a battle royal when these two stars clash, according to reports received here.

Both bouts tonight will be to a finish, and the usual preliminaries will be dispensed with. The first bout will start promptly at 8:30.

COLLIER FLEET CLEARS.

Vessels Carry Big Cargoes to Guantanamo Naval Base.

Norfolk, Va., Dec. 28.—Loaded with supplies, ammunition and with deck-loads of targets as well as several big battle practice targets in tow, the naval colliers Cyclops, Neptune and Kanawha, cleared for Guantanamo this morning. The Jupiter, flagship of the fleet, delayed sailing to await the completion of defense targets by the yard sail makers. The collier fleet will return at once for a third trip to the Guantanamo base with supplies and targets for the winter maneuvers, the most elaborate ever planned for the Atlantic fleet.

HIS CRUTCH DEADLY WEAPON

Aged Inmate at County Home Charges Morris Cowan, Also Cripple, With Terrorizing Other Wards.

His crutch transformed into a deadly weapon by the attachment of a knife on its end, Morris Cowan, a cripple, was arrested by Sheriff Geo. C. Jackson and his whole staff of deputies, including the county jailor, at the county home about 3 o'clock yesterday afternoon on a peace warrant sworn out by another aged cripple and inmate of the county home, who declared that Cowan had threatened his life and was terrorizing the complainant and other inmates of the home, by lying in wait for them at dark corners and thrusting his bayonet crutch in their direction.

The warrant was sworn out before Recorder George Harriss at the Court House yesterday morning by A. Baker, 75 years old, an inmate of the home. Baker, who is very feeble and has to hobble around on two crutches, declared that he was in great fear of bodily harm, as he could only get out of his assailant's way with the greatest difficulty.

Sheriff Jackson said that he had not anticipated any great resistance on the part of Cowan, but took the large force of deputies so that it would not be necessary to hurt the prisoner, if he did resist. No resistance was offered, he added.

Before the arrest, Cowan had been disarmed by Supt. F. J. Dempsey. In addition to the "bayonet" crutch, the prisoner had also made a stout stick into an offensive weapon by driving two nails through one end of it. Both of these weapons were turned over to Sheriff Jackson by Superintendent Dempsey. Cowan will probably be given a hearing before the Recorder some time today. Some time ago he was given a hearing to determine his sanity, and was held to be sane at that time.

COLLEGES ARE URGED TO AID PREPAREDNESS

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er term as president of the association, and Major Palmer E. Pierce, War College, Washington, D. C., a former president, was again elected by a unanimous vote. Prof. Samuel W. Beyer, Iowa State college, was elected vice president, and Frank W. Nicholson, Wesleyan University, was re-elected secretary-treasurer.

Major Pierce, in his address on "College Athletics as Related to National Preparedness," said in part:

"Compulsory physical training should be introduced into all of our institutions of learning. I mean by this, not a course of training that is confined to any particular class in these institutions, nor to a certain specified number of periods that may be covered in a very short time, but a course that extends throughout the entire curriculum and is serious enough to be rated among the most important subjects taught.

"How necessary some such step has become was made very apparent to me at Plattsburg last summer where I had charge of 3,200 college students. The sight these young men presented, when stripped for work, was, to use the expression of an army officer of very high rank, 'pathetic,' and spoke volumes of the startling inefficiency of the methods employed in our colleges to train the bodies of our students, if any are employed at all. And yet these young men were drawn from institutions that rank athletically—if turning out successful teams be considered a criterion—second to none."

Summarizing a joint report made by Chairman E. K. Hall, football rules committee, and himself, Dr. Harry L. Williams, coach of the University of Minnesota football team, said:

"It is not too much to say that the present rules have given us the best game of football that we have ever had and it is to be hoped that the rules will be allowed to remain about as they are."

Favorable reports also were read on track athletics, basketball and swimming.

Dr. Roger I. Lee, of Harvard, discussed the so-called "athletic heart," contending that there was no such thing and that it was a pastime to blame all heart abnormalities, if possible, on athletics.

London, Dec. 28.—Lloyd's reports the British steamer Bargany, 872 tons gross, sunk. Some of the crew have been landed.

WRESTLING TONIGHT

WOOLVIN HALL

CON ALBRIGHT, *Ireland*
VS.
TONY MASSINA, *Italy*

FRITZ HANSON, *Sweden*
VS.
GEORGE SARROWS, *Greece*

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"In just a few hours Father Time will close on page A. D. 1916, and open to a brand new leaf in his big and ever increasing book. What betterments will be listed on this clean page for you when the next 12 months have passed? Have you included a resolve on physical improvement among your 1917 resolutions? If not, why not? Isn't it upon your health that everything hinges?"

The above philosophy was advanced by Edward Hales Drum, the famous Tanlac Man, who is personally introducing this highly endorsed remedy throughout the 100 counties of North Carolina. Even though Mr. Drum's words were directed to a personal friend, the sentiment of his talk holds a note of importance to every North Carolinian, as well.

"There are thousands of people in this rushing, wearing, tearing world who are not really sick, not suffering from such things as measles, or pneumonia, or mumps, or scarlet fever, but they are so run down that they can barely get up in the mornings and drag themselves to work," Mr. Drum continued.

"If they are women living at home, they can just manage to get around and do their housework and look half-way cheerful, for that is a woman's way.

"These weak, nervous, rundown people are not looking for something to cure them in the same sense they would be if attacked by a virulent disease. What they want is to be well fed, well rested, to feel strong, ready and eager to do a man's or woman's part in the world.

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TRAGEDIES IN PITT COUNTY

Mrs. Buck Killed by Accidental Discharge of Gun — Other Accidents. Homicide in Edgecombe.

(Special Star Correspondence).

Greenville, N. C., Dec. 27.—Mrs. J. H. Buck, of Chicod township, lost her life from the accidental discharge of a gun Tuesday There was several boys at her house getting ready to go hunting. They were fixing their guns and as one of the boys started out of the house, the gun was in some way discharged and the shot took effect in her head, killing her instantly. Mrs. Buck had been married twice and her last husband and several children survive her.

Mr. W. H. Galloway, a prominent farmer of Chicod, living about ten miles from this city, lies at his home in a very critical condition the result of an accident here last Friday. The streets were crowded with vehicles and people. Mr. Allen Hudson and Mr. Galloway had a collision on Fifth street near Five Points. Both were in buggies, Mr. Galloway was thrown out and in falling his head struck the pavement. He was taken up and given medical attention and taken home where he now lies paralized and in a semiconscious state. His condition is very critical and his chances for recovery are very slim.

Falkland, about ten miles north of this city, is trying to solve the mysterious disappearance of one Arthur Norton ,a farmer who lived near there. He was here with Mr. Tripp Friday last and left with him. They went on the north side of the river, crossing at the Falkland landing bridge. They stopped at a little drink stand. There was quite a crowd about there and they stayed some little time. Finally Mr. Norton said he would walk on, leaving Mr. Tripp to follow with the buggy. Soon Mr. Tripp left and noticing the absence of Mr. Norton said something about finding his partner. When they looked for Mr. Norton he could not be found. His hat was found between the little shop and the road, but there was no trace of the missing man. Then there began to be some excitement. Failing in all efforts to locate or hear anything of Mr. Norton, the river has been dynamited, with the hope of recovering the body if, as some think, Mr. Norton strayed into the river and was drowned. But this and all other efforts to find any trace of him except the hat have failed and the mystery is still as near unsolved as ever. Yesterday a hearing before a justice of the peace was had, trying to put the guilt for his disappearance upon a white man and some negroes; but the investigation developed nothing and they were discharged.

Christmas Day at a turkey shooting in Edgecombe, at Fountains Cross Roads, Mr. Herbert P. Manning was killed by Mr. Carey Whitehurst. It seems that Mr. Whitehurst had some trouble with Mr. David Moore, and threatened to shoot him. Mr. Manning interfered and took the gun from Mr. Whitehurst. Mr. Moore went away and Mr. Whitehurst said he would get him on the road and attempted to get his gun again. Mr. Manning tried to keep him from going after Mr. Moore and in the scuffle over the gun Mr. Manning was shot in the leg and before medical attention could be had, died from loss of blood. Whether the gun was discharged accidentally or that Mr. Whitehurst shot Mr. Manning purposely could not be learned.

Warsaw, N. C., Dec. 28.—Miss Estelle Hill and Mr. Leslie Batson, both of Bowden, were married here a few days ago by Justice of the Peace J. H. Fonveille. It was a runaway match, the bride's mother having serious objections; but as both parties were of age, the knot was tied.

THEATRICAL

Hearts and minds of children and grown-ups throughout the ages have thrilled in the retelling of that wonderful story of Joseph of the coat of many colors, and of his rise to power in ancient Egypt.

Every ingredient that combines to form this ancient narrative is richly contained in a stupendous six-reel motion picture, "Joseph and His Brethren" to be presentec at the Victoria today, matinee and night.

There is the conspiracy of the brothers, jealous of Joseph; how they sold him into slavery is a theme treasured in the memories of the millions. Of pathos and heart interest there is the deeply poignant grief of the old father when told the false story of Joseph's death under the lion's paw.

And of the lure of woman, wily, seductive, aflame with the illicit fires of passion, there is the unholy love of Zelikah, the wife of Potipherah, the mighty Egyptian captain. The scenes wherein this vampire, using all of her meretricious arts, vainly seeks to swerve Joseph from the nobler, lofty way, is a cyclone of tempestuous feelings.

Woven delicately with mysterious touch, are the strange means by which Joseph comes into his own—his rare interpretative gift which enables him to penetrate the intangible realm of dreams.

The treatment of the story for motion picture purposes has been poetical and highly theatrical. Beauty and strength run as a team of spirited steeds, the film flashing on with cumulative power.

An added attraction will be a cornet solo by Mr. Jack Thompson, of Peabody Institute, Baltimore, and the show is for the benefit of the Salem, Va., Orphans' Home.

DOUGLAS FAIRBANKS IN "THE HALF-BREED," LATEST TRIANGLE PLAY.

TODAY'S ATTRACTION AT THE GRA ND.

Douglas Fairbanks at Grand.

At last we have a truly great Triangle feature starring that great Broadway star, Douglas Fairbanks, one in which the intense personality of Fairbanks does not bulge out of the story, one in which the characterization is difficult and where it is not made dominant to story interest. It is "The Half Breed" today's great Triangle drama to be presented at the Grand Theatre.

The result is not only an artistic achievement but a stronger proof of his ability in these cases where the limelight was played on him from beginning to end. It is always the case with a really great artist like Fairbanks, that he does not need the center of the stage to catch the eye of the audience. His impersonation of the half breed is a piece of artistry without losing whatever charm of individuality he possesses, a role of dignified pathos at moments, one of undeniable charm at all times.

The story tells of the half breed, through white contempt for the aboriginal strain in him, becomes an outcast, living in a cave, but exhibiting higher principles than are found outside of Bret Harte's charming stories, a very lovable girl he protects and finally saves in a forest fire. This fire is one of the most spectacular ever shown on a screen, and contributes its share to a story bound to win. The girl is Jewel Carmen.

The above is word for word, the unbiased criticism of "The Half Breed" as published in the Moving Picture World, and is one of the strongest endorsements ever given a motion picture play. It says enough without further comment. Don't miss this one.

"The Shielding Shadow."

In the 12th great chapter of "The Shielding Shadow" to be presented at the Bijou today, Bijou patrons are absolutely guaranteed the most spectacular two reels of motion picture production ever presented there. The writer of this story has seen the 12th chapter—last week at the Piedmont theatre, Charlotte, and therefore knows whereof he speaks. So tense and exciting was it until he, hardened from seeing hundreds of pictures, looked through it twice.

Ravengar and Leontine discover a clue and pursue Sebastian, who now has the mysterious black pellets, to the hospital. Sebastian comes to. As they reach his bedside he quickly throws the mantle over himself and disappears.

Ravengar knowing he is in the room orders them to close the door, then, with his arms outstretched tries to catch the invisible foe. Suddenly the window crashes to the floor broken by an unseen hand. Ravengar follows and manages to clutch Sebastian. Down the steep stairs they fall, Ravengar losing consciousness. Sebastian suffering only minor injury and vanishing with the mantle.

Joe Belmont and Ora Carew will also be seen in the latest great Keystone comedy scream, "A La Carte" a scream from beginning to end.

Clara Kimball Young Coming.

"I do love you, Neville. But your first duty is to your betrothed, so I will be your wife under the Common Law," Thus declared Valerie West, the artist's model, to Neville, the artist, when for days her heart had been wrung in the torment of a hopeless love.

Neville was engaged to a society girl—heartless, coldly beautiful. He had found in Valerie West the model for which he had searched for months, and as she posed for him in characters which she allowed no other artist to paint, a love came to them both, as pure as the morning dewdrops. But Valerie West's love was too deep, too sincere, to hazard the career of the man she loved by marrying him. So, after a struggle that wrenched her heart from her very body, love triumphed and she was to become his wife under the Common Law—for as long as he would have her.

But when she discovered that it was the selfishness and ignorance of others who had misjudged her just because of her profession, her attitude changed, and she finally consents to become his wife under the Law of God. Thus is the story of "The Common Law" the greatest story which Robert W. Chambers ever wrote, and which has been filmed in a magnificent eight-reel spectacle starring the supreme dramatic artiste, Clara Kimball Young. As the attraction at the Victoria next Monday and Tuesday, matinee and night, it is undoubtedly the one biggest screen event of the season in Wilmington.

New Play at Royal.

Today Arthur Hauk's Sunshine Girls present at the Royal their very newest and greatest musical comedy play, "W. W. Push & Company," a brand new play which they have put on recently, and which includes some of the very latest musical hits off Broadway.

"W. W. Push & Co." includes in its specialty list that great song hit of the season, "Yacki Hacki Wicka Wacki Woo." "Honey Moon in June," "Rosa Rosetta," and many others. Inimitable Teck Murdock, as usual, will be on deck with some more big comedy specialties. Clarence Clidence will enact one of the best roles in his entire repertoir as "Herman Schultz," and the leading feminine roles will be taken by those charming sisters, Helen and Iris Kennedy, two of the daintiest little ladies who have ever appeared in Wilmington.

The Musical Kings will be right there with a brand new musical act that will simply eclipse anything of the entire week, and Toots Murdock, in a singing and dancing specialty will be another big hit.

Ward and Barton, "The Actress and the Yodeler," will have a new act, full of surprises and brimming over with newness and originality from start to finish.

"The Prince of Pilsen."

On next Monday, matinee and night, at the Academy of Music, the dear old musical comedy, "The Prince of Pilsen" will be the attraction.

Revivals are rarely successful. Press and playgoers alike are forced to smile at the "asides" and "soliloquies", pathos and loose technique that marked play, player, and playwright of 15 years ago. They interest only the champion of the "good old days," who insists there is nothing worth while in today. Happily "The Prince of Pilsen" has proved an exception to this rule. The piece has been universally successful. Probably this is due to the fact that "The Prince of Pilsen" is not so old fashioned after all. Certainly it contains more music than half a dozen of the average current musical comedies, and there is enough comedy in the character of Hans Wagner, the rich brewer from "Zinzinnati" who is mistaken for Pilsen's Prince, to flood with laughter the anemic plots of many a presonile libretto.

For the revival of this musical comedy gem there has been assembled a cast of unusual ability, including Chas. Horne in the role of Hans Wagner; Estella Birney, the flirtatious city widow; Edward T. Mora as the real Prince; Irene Duke, the chic French maid; Irene Stanford, the demure ingenue, and a number of other well known players. A beauty chorus of generous numbers will add physical and vocal charms to the other attractions of the musical comedy. The scenery, costumes, and effects are entirely new this season. The matinee prices will range from 50 cents to $1. The night prices will be from 50 cents to $1.50. Tickets will go on sale this morning at Elvington's Front street store at 9 o'clock.

WALLACE NEWS NOTES

Boy Bitten by Mad Dog—Serious Automobile Accident.

(Special Star Correspondence).

Wallace, N. C., Dec. 28.—Sunday afternoon a serious accident occurred when the car of Mr. J. F. Holton, driven by himself, jumped a ditch and turned completely over, throwing out Mr. and Mrs. Holton, their little son and daughter, and Mrs. Holton's mother, Mrs. Winslow. Only the interposition of providence, it seems, saved the lives of the occupants, who received no injuries beyond a few slight bruises and a severe shake up.

Roy, the 13-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. N. H. Carter, was bitten yesterday on the leg by a dog suspected of being mad. The head was immediately sent to Raleigh for examination. Upon receipt of a telegram from the laboratory today saying the dog was affected with rabies, Roy was taken by his brother, Mr. Almond Carter, an A. & M. College student, who was home for the holidays, to Raleigh for treatment.

After January 1st Mr. Jesse Southerland will open the second garage for Wallace. It will be in the store recently moved near the Presbyterian church by Mr. Paisley Boney, in order to make room for the new brick stores which he is putting up next to the bank The repair work will be done by Mr. Pearlie Murray, heretofore with the Wallace Auto Co.

DIVIDENDS ARE RESUMED.

Seventy-Five Cents a Share Declared on Virginia-Carolina Common.

New York, Dec. 28.—The Virginia-Carolina Chemical Company today resumed dividends on its common stock by declaring a payment of 75 cents a share. The last dividend on this issue was paid February 15, 1912. The regular quarterly 2 per cent preferred dividend was also declared.

Pinehurst, N. C., Dec. 28.—Rain today interrupted the qualifying round of the mid-winter golf tournament here in which there were 134 entries and the play will continue Friday. The two lowest cards today were an 81 by Philip Carter, and an 83 by Franklin Gates.

—Prof. M. C. S. Noble, of the faculty of the University of North Carolina, is spending the holidays in Wilmington

PRESENT CENTER OF ATTRACTION IN THE SPORT WORLD.

LES DARCY - CURTIS PHOTO.

E. T. O'SULLIVAN

This is Les Darcy and his manager. Les Darcy, the Australian champion, is now the center of attraction in the sport world. There are as many conflicting rumors and stories about him and his plants as there have been grand-stand managers of the Cincinnati team. According to the latest story he is not going to fight at all for a time but be is about to harken to the call of the drum, thereby picking up some easy change before showing his skill in the ring. Another story has it than Darcy has been offered as much as $75,000 for three bouts. Another advice from the West is that a promoter has offered him $15,000 to box Mike Gibbons. There is also still some talk of meeting with Georges Carpentier, the French champion, but there is said to be a hitch here because Carpentier is said to be unwilling to meet Darcy because of his feeling for an ally in the war.

O'BOYLE'S VICTORY SURPRISES

Georgetown Man Wins Junior Indoor Tennis Championship.

New York, Dec. 28.—The victory of H. B. O'Boyle, of Georgetown University, over William Botsford, Columbia, provided a surprise in the National Junior Indoor Tennis Championship Tournament here today. Other important winners as the field narrowed to the round before the semi-finals were:

H. L. Bowman, New York Athletic Club; E. H. Hendrickson, Amherst; E. H. Binsen, Fordham; F. W. Hopking, Yale.

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TOP O' THE MORNING.

To become strong, the soul must needs fight something, overcome something. It cannot gain strength on a bed of eider-down.
—ANNA ROBERTSON BROWN.

Boston, beans, booze and bumptiousness.

Both our stockings were filled to the limit—with feet.

Business always keeps up because somebody keeps it up.

Where were Tom and Jerry during all this imaginary yuletide merriness?

When people get all the war they want, they will want peace and be mighty glad to get it.

Begin the new year by taking steps in the right direction. Don't overlook the stepping stones to success.

Have we got that team work mapped out for Wilmington so the work will commence after next Monday?

A New England man wants $15,000 for a rose. If we had the fifteen thousand, what would we want with only one rose?

With a skip and a hop, Leap Year will take its last leap next Sunday. "The better the day the better the deed."

Yes, the bankers all these years have urged people to keep a savings account for that "rainy day." Well, that rainy day surely came, didn't it?

Russia has decided not to coerce Persia but to take things easy till the time comes when the oil fields can be made to replenish the war losses of the czar.

When you buckle on the sword and go to war, don't brag about where you will take your Christmas dinner. Always get where you are going and then you'll know that you have arrived in time to get a snack.

Mr. Hilles, former chairman of the Republican National committee, declares that what the Republican party needs is leaders. Tut! Tut! What it needs is a divorce from old man Sys Tem.

This country is now endeavoring to pattern its army establishment after that of a South American country that has never been famous for its military genius. Why don't the politicians leave the army organization to those who get their military education at West Point?

The Charlotte Observer says the Legislature at its approaching session will have to face the woman suffrage question. Well, if this Legislature is like all others, it will face that and other questions and then give them the dodge like an ostrich works the trick.

Christmas just past was much brighter and happier to many a family because of the Christmas savings funds than it otherwise would have been. The number of members of these clubs ought to be doubled for the coming year.

An old friend says his living does not cost him a cent more than it did ten years ago. He says he regulates it by refraining from high living. His plan is to buy that he needs instead of buying what he wants. Of course, he means that cheap living is what saves his mutton.

Some of that peace talk sounds too much like piece talk. Russia insists on fighting with the hope that the Entente can recover Poland for her and carry out its agreement to give Constantinople to her in fulfillment of her dream of commercial grandeur. Seems to us that what the world needs is free seas and less free seize. The Woodrow Wilson doctrine of free seas is the panacea for the commercial jealousies between nations matching their greed for commerce and territorial aggrandisement.

COLUMBIA GETS THE FARM LOAN BANK.

Columbia has been chosen as the center for the farm loan bank for the district composed of North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia and Florida, —the strictly South Atlantic district. Our State relationship with Charlotte and Raleigh impelled us to hope that either the Queen City or the Capital City would be chosen as the banking center of this agricultural empire, but geography as well as other advantages resolved themselves in favor of the capital of South Carolina.

Columbia is entitled to hearty congratulations upon her good fortune in getting the bank, but the whole farm loan district will be the real beneficiary of the new banking system that soon will be available for the promotion and extension of agriculture in the most versatile productive region in America. As the crow flies, Columbia and Charlotte are about the same distance from the great port of Wilmington and the matchless Cape Fear region with all its marvelous resources for an ideally diversified agriculture. As the crow flies, the two interior cities are about 175 geographic miles from Wilmington, though the rail distance is greater, with Columbia having the closer connection with Wilmington as the train runs. Columbia and Wilmington are within the same parallel of latitude and it seems rather strange that we go almost directly west from Wilmington to Columbia.

The fact is, Wilmington and Columbia have the luck of being on the map together in the notable particular that Wilmington is the natural ocean gateway to the farm loan district while Columbia was selected by the Farm Loan Board as the logical banking center of the marvelous South Atlantic portion of the Nation's Garden Spot. Indeed, Columbia is specially fortunate in being a close regional neighbor of the Cape Fear Metropolis.

Owing to that fact, we cannot begrudge Columbia all the luck that is coming to her, and since we expect to place a lot of farm loans in the city on the Congaree, there will be a constantly growing familiarity between us henceforth. The farm loan bank will increase Columbia's banking resources by three-quarters of a million dollars, since the available funds for the twelve farm loan banks will be $750,000 each—to start with. After that the possibilities will develop just as rapidly as we can develop the great South Atlantic region with its double-track north and south railways. This is the double-track portion of the Nation's Garden Spot, and if there were anything else to add to our happiness and magnify our opportunities it was easier money for the development of the potential resources of this whole section. The Columbia State appreciates all that, too. Owing to Columbia's luck in becoming the banking center of this incomparable rural loan district, that paper says this for its city:

"Columbia was chosen for the home of one of the rural credits banks because, in the opinion of the board in whom the choice lay, it has among the cities of the district the superior advantages for the work of country development that the banking system is designed to promote. Of this there can be no doubt. Columbia has received its due. It is Columbia's good fortune to be situated near the center of the district composed of Florida, Georgia and the two Carolinas and not near the edge of it and it is its further good fortune to have quick communication with all parts of the four states not equalled by any other city of them. Moreover, it is located in the heart of a region that needs not less than any other the help that a rural credits bank will extend. South Carolina has, to the square mile, not a small population and yet it has a great proportion of territory not developed agriculturally. In a word, a rural credits bank will be instrumental in immensely increasing the number of land owning farmers in the territory within some hundreds of miles of Columbia, if it will achieve that object anywhere in the United States and that is what the rural credits system is expected to do. The State some days ago said that the rural credits board should be governed by such considerations and there is abundant reason to suppose that it has performed its duty with wisdom, with care and unbiased regard for the interests of the country."

That is all very well said, and it is manifest that Columbia had an advantage that has proved to be a real asset to her. Columbia's success in getting the bank illustrates the value of co-operation among the people, declares The State. Even Charleston pulled for Columbia, and it all goes to show that our South Atlantic cities are much closer when we begin to have some real scope to us. The broad opportunities for development in the South Atlantic states are bound to knit us closer together in the work of converting an empire of rich resources into the Nation's greatest asset—a region which grows cotton and tobacco to perfection and where all other known crops of commercial value grow to equal advantage.

THE COST OF DELIVERY.

For every dollar's worth of goods we order over the telephone, or purchase and have delivered by the merchants, we pay 8 cents. At least the Census Bureau at Washington so announces after an investigation in several cities. A preliminary survey of the subject, recently published, shows that in the city of Washington the delivery of merchandise from the stores to homes costs about 8 per cent of the retail price. It is said that in other cities the cost is much higher, considering the street conditions, the distances and other conditions in no wise anywhere equal to a magnificently paved and compact center, such as the National Capital.

It is estimated that in New York and Chicago the cost of delivering goods is greater. A large New York department store states that its average expense of delivery, even in the busiest season, is seven cnts per package, while the selling price of the average purchase is less than a dollar.

The Census Bureau naturally concludes that much of the high cost of living is due to our habit of enjoying the convenience of having all our purchases delivered. A regular delivery system costs the merchants a big lot of money, and, of course, they recoup themselves by making their customers pay for the convenience. People are being urged to carry all their light packages with them after they do their shopping, and many stores in the West are even offering a cash discount to purchasers who relieve them of the expense of delivering their purchases—often representing a few cents in value, to be sent at great distances and at great inconvenience to the merchants.

Of course, the government is not endeavoring to show that the high cost of delivering goods accounts for the high cost of living. It is only one of the elements entering into prices paid by consumers. The final cost of any article depends on all the elements entering into its manufacture, transportation, sale and delivery.

BUSINESS PROSPECTS FOR COMING YEAR.

Wilmington merchants declare that the business prospects for the coming year are better than during the past three years. The holiday trade has been the largest in the history of the city, a good indication that the people have money and that the community and the country are thrifty. The prospects for both the city and the country are good, and the same can be said as to all portions of the State and the Union as well. The Charlotte News thus reports a similar condition there:

"The merchants of Charlotte can look the new year squarely and boldly in the face. Trade has never been more brisk at any similar season of the year than during this Chirtsams. It has been a matter of considerable comment that the people not only bought more than is their usual custom, but they bought better and more expensive things. Charlotte merchants have found during this busy period that they have made many new friends during the past year, those coming from a distance to do their Christmas shopping being unprecedentedly large. They have a right to turn their faces toward another year with a hope and an expectation they have not customarily possessed for, verily, it appears they are just now coming into their kingdom."

All our exchanges without exception bring such cheering reports as the foregoing, so there is good reason for courage in entering upon another business year, with the chances and the prospects all better than for several seasons past.

DESTROYING PIGS IN ENGLAND.

A London dispatch states that the government is dismayed over the fact that the farmers have been destroying whole litters of pigs because of the high cost of feeding stuffs. The farmers, however, declare that they are compelled to pursue that course, owing to the food problem that they are experiencing on account of the war.

The government urges that it will produce a pork famine and is endeavoring to prevent the destruction of pigs. The farmers, however, defend their action with the complaint that the government is allowing the export of meal to Holland, when England ought to retain all her own feed and food products during such a crisis as now exists. The farmers contend that the consequence of feedstuffs exports increases the price to such an extent that it makes it impossible for them to feed their pigs till they are matured.

VOCATIONAL SCHOOLS, BUILDINGS AND BOND ISSUES

To the Editor of The Star:

I think we need the enlargement of some of our school houses, and perhaps some new ones. If we do not build a new high school I think the Union school house should be replaced with a brick building. If this is done I think we should have a bond issue, that is, if it can be floated at not over four or four and a half per cent on twenty to forty years issue, but we should have a law passed that, along with the regular curriculum now taught in the schools, there should be taught carpentering and other wood crafts, smithing and other iron crafts, electrical engineering, and, in short, all kinds of every day trades, either teach these trades in the schools or do like the Germans, whose school age is from six to fourteen, and then apprentice the boys out four years to learn a trade. While they are learning these trades they have continued school life of two hours daily and thus keep in touch with what they learned between six and fourteen years and when eighteen they go out as journeymen workers at their trade. Those who do not expect to take up professions are not allowed to study Latin and Greek.

The girls should all be taught domestic science and those boys or girls who expect to take up stenography and typewriting or bookkeeping should be taught those trades in the schools. In short, each child should be equipped at school for some vocation in life. They should have instilled in them at home and in the schools that it is an honor to work and a disgrace to be idle.

Our school system turns out the pupils June 1st and convenes the schools October 1st, which leaves four long months with nothing for them to do, and a boy with energy will get into mischief if he is not at work during those months. A boy so lazy he would not get into trouble during four months idiness would be counted lazy indeed.

It may be best to build the new High school building, I do not know. Goldsmith said in a poem on Brittain: "Ill fares the land where hastening ills a prey, where wealth accumulates and men decay." We should beware along this line.

Some years ago I read an article on the discontent in India, which said the English government had educated a good many of the people and taught them no trade and they (the educated) were going around trying to work up a rebellion against the government because it did not give them all clerical jobs. They were edcated and not willing to labor with their hands in any of the walks of life, too proud to work. Some of our politicians, I fear, think it is unpopular to advocate the people being taught to work, hence they do not do it.

Work is one of the greatest things taught in the Bible; if no one worked we would have a worse war daily in this country than is now raging in Europe. Now is the time to commence every good thing. Don't put off until tomorrow; tomorrow is not ours, today is the only time we have. Let us do all things now to help to make the next generation better, more honorable in their dealings, more temperate, more industrious; in fact, better citizens on an average than we have been, and commence right now.

The child, as a rule, who never learns to work during childhood will not work after it gets grown. Yes, it may take a clerical job at the railroad or something of that kind, but there is not jobs enough to employ all town and city reared children at the railroad; and further, one who was not taught to work in childhood never, as a rule, makes an efficient worker after he is grown.

Ask the captains of industry and they will tell you children should be taught to work.

Respectfully,
D. L. GORE.

P. S.—Since writing the above article, I find there is to be a meeting at the court house Saturday at 8 p. m. on new legislation. All people interested in vocational schools please attend.
D. L. GORE.

CURRENT COMMENT.

Last week we saw a calf, not over one month old, brought to the butcher's knife. We are told that it is a rare thing in Granville for a calf to escape the butchar's knife until it is three months old, or a lamb to get old enough to be sheared before butchered. If there is no State law to save the farmer from himself there ought to be a law to save the helpless animal until it at least grows large enough to furnish a square meal for a small family.—Oxford Public Ledger.

The coming of the land bank to Columbia means more for this city than at present we realize. It means that this city will be the center of interest of a large section of the Southeastern states in certain transactions in which a large portion of the citizenship will be affected. Columbia's campaign for this bank was made very skillfully, and we wish to commend most warmly the chairman of the committee of the Columbia Clearing House association, as well as the other members, for the winning fight that they made. Congressman Lever's influence at Washington was also demonstrated in this success. Each bank starts with $750,000, and this will mean a lot of cash on deposit in Columbia through all seasons of the year, and it means the employing of a great many skillful accountants and land appraisers whose headquarters will be in Columbia. The Record immediately after the act of Congress was passed in July urged that steps be taken to secure a division land bank for Columbia. At first there was no response, and the Record made a personal request of the chamber of commerce to authorize a special committee to take this up when the committee went to Washington to see about another matter. We believe that this is but the beginning of a new day for Columbia. For some time we have felt that this city is on the verge of the greatest development that it has known, and we believe that this new era will date from the opening of the land loan bank. The development was coming anyway, but this occasion will be taken merely as the marker. We have not lost hope with regard to the locating here of a government nitrate plant. The claims of the Mussel Shoals are very strong on their face, but the question of transportation enters largely into the equation, and Columbia has the facilities, not possessed by other logical contenders. It is known that there is a disposition in some high-up circles to divide the nitrate industry of the government into three branches, one for munitions, which probably would be at Mussel Shoals; one for industrial arts, and one for fertilizer alone. Columbia is the logical shipping point for the latter, as 80 per cent of the commercial fertilizer containing nitrogen is used in Georgia and the two Carolinas. We trust that Columbia will be as successful in this as in the land bank campaign, which was conducted quietly but effectively—and Columbia won on merit. We claim that merit will bring a branch of the nitrate-making industry to Columbia.—Columbia Record.

CUMBERLAND NEGRO SPIRITED AWAY TO STATE'S PRISON.

Four Men Get $300 Reward for Capture of Carl Bryant.

(Special Star Correspondence.)

Fayetteville, N. C., Dec. 28.—S. G. Swafford, chief of police of Aberdeen; Ralph Leach, mayor of that town; E. J. Bethune, a conductor on the A. & R. railroad, and Frank Page, also of Aberdeen, are the men who will divide the $300 reward for the capture of Carl Bryant, outlawed slayer of Deputy Sheriff Frank Dees, who was captured at Aberdeen yesterday morning, brought here in the afternoon and spirited away to Raleigh last night by Deputies J. McD. Monaghan and Al J. Pate, who acted on what are described as "rumors" of violence. The negro was taken to the State's prison in an automobile, having been brought from Aberdeen in the same way. With him went Dick Judge and Ike Monroe, negroes, who have been held for some time as his accomplices in the killing of the deputy.

Bryant was brought to Fayetteville in Mr. Page's car by Messrs. Leach, Swafford, Page and Bethune, who were responsible for his capture. They will get the reward of $150 offered by Cumberland county authorities and $150 offered by Governor Craig. Divided equally it will mean $75 to each of them.

GREENSBORO'S "BIG HOTEL" TO BE BUILT WITHIN NEXT YEAR.

Subscription of Stock Now Assures the Long Hoped for Enterprise.

(Special Star Correspondence.)

Greensboro, N. C., Dec. 28.—The long hoped for "big hotel" for Greensboro will probably be a fact before Christmas, 1917. When the needed $75,000 in common stock was all subscribed at a meeting in the chamber of commerce rooms yesterday afternoon a sigh of relief went up from those who have been working on the proposition for some time. The site is to cost $20,000, and the building $300,000. First mortgage bonds to the amount of $160,000 will be issued, and second mortgage bonds will be in the amount of $85,000. The first bonds of $65,000 of the second class bonds have virtually been placed, so that of all the stock and bonds only $20,000 yet remains to be placed.

The building is to have 166 guest rooms, lobby, large dining hall, a big ball room, and there will be two stores on Elm street. The main entrance to the hotel lobby will be on Belle Meade street. It is estimated that the rental will be $28,500, and that the common stock should pay a dividend of more than 10 per cent.

Warsaw, N. C., Dec. 28.—Mr. Joseph Jordan, of this city, who has been quite ill for a week, has been carried to the James Walker Memorial hospital in Wilmington. Mr. Jordan suffered from hemorrhages from the head. His many friends hope for his speedy recovery.

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE OF REAL ESTATE.

Under and by virtue of the power of sale contained in a certain mortgage executed by Gussie Greer to H. W. Konig, dated the 12th day of December, 1912, and duly recorded in the records of the Register of Deeds of New Hanover county, in Book No. 70, page 422, the undersigned will offer for sale, at public auction, to the highest bidder, for cash, at the door of the Court House of New Hanover County, in the city of Wilmington, on the 23rd day of January, 1917, at 12 o'clock M., the following described real property, to wit:

Beginning at a point in the eastern line of Seventh street, sixty-six feet southwardly from the southeast intersection of Howard and Seventh streets, and runs thence southwardly along the eastern line of Seventh street thirty feet, thence eastwardly and parallel with Howard street one hundred and fifty feet, to the western line of MacRae street, thence along the western line of McRae street northwardly thirty feet, thence westwardly and parallel with Howard street one hundred and fifty feet to the beginning, the same being parts of Lots One, Two and Three, in Block No. 350, according to the official plan of the said city of Wilmington, North Carolina.

This 22nd day of December, 1916.
H. W. KONIG,
Mortgagee.
W. F. Jones, Attorney.

PRE-INVENTORY SALE
OF
Ladies' Coat Suits, Coats and Dresses

Before Taking Inventory We Aim to Reduce all Our Stocks to a Minimum—Hence This 50% Reduction on all Ladies' Ready-to-Wear.

$35.00 value Plush Coats, reduced to $17.50
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$10.00 Barclay Cloth Coats, reduced to $4.75
Colors: Black, Navy, Brown, Grey.

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All Coat Suits and Dresses at 1-2 the regular prices:
$10.00 Coat Suits, at ..... $ 5.00
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All $10.00 Dresses of Silk Poplin, Serge, Satin and Messaline, to be sold at $4.98

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DON'T FORGET TO ORDER CARBONLESS AUTOIL.

WE WISH OUR FRIENDS AND CUSTOMERS A
Merry Christmas and a Happy and Prosperous New Year
Roger Moore's Sons & Co.
206 PRINCESS STREET

NOTICE!

The freight warehouses of our companies in Wilmington, N. C., will be closed Monday, December 25th, 1916, and Monday, January 1st, 1917, except between the hours of 9:00 and 10:00 A. M., for the delivery of perishable freight.

HENRY WHYTE,
Agent, Seaboard Air Line Railway Co.
A. J. MOORE, JR.,
Agent, Atlantic Coast Line Railroad.

WOULD STANDARDIZE THE STATE'S FINANCES

Chairman Ruark, of This City, Drafting Comprehensive Bill.

Next Legislature Will Consider Measures Prepared by Committee for Enactment That Will Bring About Modern Methods.

Modern methods of financing, including annual budgets of incomes and expenditures, will prevail in North Carolina municipalities and counties if the measures are enacted into law which are being drafted by the committee on Finances and Municipal Government which was appointed by the president of the State Bar Association to assist the State Legislature in drawing up comprehensive bills on these subjects.

Robert Ruark, Esq., of this city, is chairman of this committee, and to him and Col. John W. Hinsdale, of Raleigh, has been assigned the task of drafting a bill and recommending remedies for the varied and tangled finances of communities in different sections of the State.

The newly drafted measures, Mr. Ruark has stated to Council, will probably be completed by the end of the present week. These measures, it is believed, will be important steps in standardizing the methods by which annual expenditures of the cities and counties are estimated and apportioned to income, and towards standardizing the issue and paying off of bond indebtedness.

It is believed that the financing of such communities can be put on a more business-like basis, by hard and fast sinking fund requirements for all loans which have been incurred in the past or which may be incurred.

Bonds Unmarketable.

Capt. Thos. D. Meares, city clerk and treasurer, recently accompanied Mr. Ruark to New York with a view to discussing with bond and banking institutions, handling municipal bonds, the kind that prove most acceptable and marketable. In the past, Captain Meares states, it has been the practice to issue bonds and when the time came to market them, it turned out that the acts under which they were issued were lacking in explicit statements covering the essentials relating to security of principal and interest, and the issues could not be readily sold as investments.

Municipal and county bonds are one of the oldest forms of investment in America, but even after more than 100 years of such transactions, there are many bond issues put out annually by amateur financiers, serving on county boards, sewer and water boards, and city councils which fail to explain fully to the prospective investor just what he may expect with reference to security of principal and interest.

Measures Proposed.

While the committee, which has charge of the drafting of the proposed legislation, has not yet announced the details of the proposed bills, Chairman Ruark has stated that he will urge that a provision be made that cities and counties shall not be allowed to incur debts for a longer period than the prospective life of the improvement to be paid out of the proceeds of the money borrowed. That is, if it is proposed to borrow money for such an improvement as a macadam road, Mr. Ruark regards it as unsound financing to issue long term bonds when at best the improvement can only last a few years.

It is also understood that the new measures will regulate the terms under which loans in anticipation of taxes are to be made and the recourse to be had upon delinquent taxpayers to take care of such loans when due.

These and other provisions of like nature, it is hoped, will clear up a vast tangle of small community financing and force the collection of large sums in tax arrears.

TAR HEEL SOLDIER BOYS ENJOYED CHRISTMAS DINNER

Menu Arranged by Lieut. Monroe Was a Real Feed for Guardsmen.

The North Carolina militiamen on the border, and especially those belonging to the headquarters company of the Second Regiment, enjoyed a bounteous Christmas dinner, judging from the list of good things enumerated in the handsomely designed souvenir card which The Star received from a soldier friend yesterday.

The card is attractively designed, bearing on the cover a colored engraving of Old Glory, surmounted by the American eagle. In addition to the dinner menu and the company roster, the card contains a toast to the Old North State, and the famous ditty that every military man alleges to be the refrain of mess call. The menu was arranged by Lieut. W. P. Monroe, of Wilmington, who is connected with the machine gun company of the Second Regiment.

Among the many toothsome dainties that are listed on the mess sheet are, roast North Carolina pork, roast Texas turkey, rasin cake, pound cake, vanilla ice cream, and various other things that would tickle the palate of a confirmed epicure.

Wilmington was prominent in the day's activities, Lieut. Monroe being officer of the day, and Lieut. Col. John VanB. Metts being in command of the regiment.

CITY COUNCIL POSTPONES CONFERENCE UNTIL TONIGHT

Will Consider What Local Legislation is Desired—Meeting Not Public.

Owing to the absence from the city of several Councilmen, the conference scheduled for last night to consider what local legislation is desired was not held but was postponed until tonight. This conference will be held at the City Hall at 8 o'clock. The public has not been invited to attend as the conference is designed to give the members of Council a chance to express their individual opinions in order to determine whether any legislation is desired at the approaching term of the General Assembly.

While the conference tonight is not public, it is understood that whatever measures are considered worthy of putting before the General Assembly will in addition to being submitted to Representative L. Clayton Grant and Senator E. H. Cranmer be placed before the public for discussion.

SCARCITY OF EGGS STILL

Boycott Declared by Housewives Fails to Bring Relief Desired—Hens Seem to Have Struck.

Notwithstanding that there is a boycott on in Wilmington against eggs and has been for several weeks, the city is facing an egg famine unless something is done to bring relief, declare those in close touch with the situation. While some of the grocery stores have eggs for 40 cents a dozen, one of the largest concerns in the city last night didn't have an egg and couldn't get any.

The hens have either gone on a strike for better and more food or else those ordinarily selling eggs here are sending them to other markets. Some of the dealers state that the latter is the case and that the boycott is responsible for the scarcity. They declare that eggs formerly shipped to Wilmington are now going to Richmond and other points North. However, Richmond has a boycott on also but with what effect on the prices is not known here.

There are very few cold storage eggs to be had for the simple reason that ordinarily after the Christmas holidays there is always an influx of fresh eggs which is sufficient to supply local needs. The local branches of Armour & Co., and of Swift & Co., report that they have but few eggs for sale now, having disposed of most of the large stock they had before Christmas and they do not plan to order others unless the scarcity continues.

The price for cold storage eggs at the present time is practically the same as for fresh eggs. This has been the case in the past, although ordinarily the cold storage variety sells for several cents less a dozen.

Those backing the boycott movement state that the cutting down of the demand had the effect of lowering the price several cents a dozen. They are entirely satisfied that the course pursued resulted in lower prices to the consumer during the holidays and believe that with the coming of the New Year the hens will begin laying again and that soon Wilmington will have a sufficient supply to meet local needs.

ELECT OFFICERS FOR BANK

Permanent Organization of New Hanover Farm Loan Association Perfected Yesterday.

A permanent organization of the New Hanover Farm Loan Association was effected at an enthusiastic meeting of the applicants for loans in the county court house yesterday afternoon when officers were elected and steps taken to obtain a charter. A temporary organization was formed at a meeting several months ago and since that time applications for loans to the amount of more than $60,000 have been received. Several new applications were received yesterday.

The meeting yesterday afternoon was called to order by Mr. J. P. Herring and Mr. Z. W. Whitehead, editor of the Carolina Fruit and Truckers' Journal, was elected as temporary secretary. Representative L. Clayton Grant attended the meeting and explained the new Federal law under which the associations are being formed in a very complete and comprehensive manner.

A board of directors was elected composed of Messrs. Adolph G. Ahrens, E. I. Tinga, Henry Horne, L. C. Sutton and J. O. Grimes.

Officers were elected as follows: President, Mr. J. P. Herring; vice-president, Mr. Adolph G. Ahrens; secretary and treasurer, Mr. H. A. Rau.

A board of appraisers to pass on the valuation of all lands was named which is composed of Messrs. George H. Hutaff, Addison Hewlett and W. D. Rhodes.

The charter for the local association will be issued by the farm loan bank which will be located at Columbia, S. C. As the location for the bank has already been determined and the machinery for its operation should be perfected within 30 days, it should not be more than 60 or 90 days before applicants for loans should be able to get the money with which to start improvements on their property.

The local association will be ready for business just as soon as the charter is issued, as the Federal statute provide that the officers and directors hall be chosen before the charter is issued.

BIG SCREEN PRODUCTION

"Joseph and His Brethren" at Victoria Under Auspices of Luther League.

Under the auspices of the Luther League of St. Paul's Evanlegical Lutheran church, the Victoria theatre this afternoon and tonight will present that great Biblical motion picture production, "Joseph and His Brethren," a six-reel production, together with instrumental solos, including a cornet solo, "Scinclilta," by Mr. Jack Thompson, of Peabody Institute, Baltimore.

Members of the League have had tickets for sale for the past two weeks and have succeeded in disposing of several hundred, and as only two performances will be given, at 3:30 and 8:30 p. m., the prospects are that capacity crowds will witness it. The show is for the benefit of the Salem Orphan's Home, at Salem, Va. Mr. Carl B. Rehder, advertising manager for the Howard-Wells Amusement Company, it is announced, is to have charge of the Victoria theatre under its new policy of presenting big motion picture productions, and he has co-operated with the Luther League in the presentation of this benefit.

LOCAL DOTS.

—Mary Wright, a colored woman living in Schutte's alley, was shot at by George James, also colored, Wednesday night. The woman, however, refused to swear out a warrant against her assailant.

—Mr. Mc. J. Smith, "The Grape Man," of Seven Springs, N. C., arrived in the city last night and will spend today and tomorrow delivering his grape vines to customers who have placed orders. He will be on Market street.

—Among the North Carolina arrivals at the Hotel Wilmington yesterday were G. T. Chandler, Broadway; W. N. Johnson, J. B. Journey, Raleigh; R. N. Rackley, Mt. Olive.

FAVORS VOCATIONAL COURSES IN SCHOOL

Board of Education Head Wants More Practical Subjects.

Chairman Woodus Kellum Says Establishment of Agricultural and Trade Courses May Enable County to Receive Aid.

Chairman Woodus Kellum, of the Board of Education, declared yesterday that he was very much in favor of the establishment of agricultural and industrial courses in the Wilmington High School at an early date in order that the city and county public schools may receive Federal aid as is provided in the vocational education bill which now seems assured of being enacted into law at the present session of Congress.

Mr. Kellum added that he was merely voicing his own opinion and would not attempt to state the views of the board. He regards the establishment of such courses in the schools to the best interest of the great majority of the children who attend the high school, whether they live in the city or in the rural districts.

At present the High School has no teachers and offers no courses in agricultural, industrial or trade subjects. This aid from the Federal government, Mr. Kellum points out, will be distributed practically along the same lines as is done in the case of county farm demonstrators, who receive part of their pay from the county and part from the Federal government. If the local school system is to share in the benefits of this legislation, arrangements must be made for the teaching of these vocational subjects in the schools of the county.

Supt. Blair's Views.

Superintendent of Schools J. J. Blair, in a recent interview with a Star man, also declared he was deeply interested in the early establishment of adequate vocational courses. Although he did not care to go into details, Superintendent Blair made it plain that the incorporation of such courses in the curriculum of the High School would enable it to offer to the pupils of the rural districts the advantages of a more practical education.

At a recent meeting of the school committeemen of both the city and county at which the proposed $250,000 bond issue for the construction of additional school buildings in the county was endorsed, Superintendent Blair declared that in order to make the High School more effectively serve the rural districts some arrangement would ultimately have to be made for motor trucks or other vehicles to make the rounds of the country districts and transport the pupils who live at a distance to and from the High School.

He pointed out that to gather up the students in such a manner in a county with such good roads and so limited in area as New Hanover would be an entirely practicable undertaking, and one which he was sure would enlist the sympathy and support of the residents of sections who find it difficult under the present system to give their children the benefits of advanced education.

Federal Aid.

The Federal aid bill proposes Federal aid in two spheres—payment of salaries of teachers of agricultural subjects and teachers of trade and industrial subjects; and appropriation for training of teachers of the foregoing subjects. Appropriations for salaries of teachers of agricultural subjects is planned to be in proportion to their rural population according to the last preceding United States census. Appropriations for salaries of teachers of trade and industrial subjects is to be in proportion to their urban population. The committee decided that since the appropriation for the training of teachers is to be used for the preparation of instructors of home economics as well as for agricultural and trades and industries it should be alloted to the states in proportion to their total population. The bill allows nine years to put the system in full operation, the time required for the maximum appropriation to be reached.

North Carolina Grants.

This plan will allow the following national grants to North Carolina: 1917, $36,150; 1918, $51,150; 1919, $67,400; 1920, $81,250; 1921, $92,700; 1922, $104,150; 1923, $115,600; 1924, $138,500; 1925 and 1926 each, $161,400. This is a total of $1,009,700.

The amount for North Carolina for salaries of teachers, supervisors and directors of agricultural subjects will be based on a rural population of 1,887,813. This would be an allotment for 1916-17 of $19,150. The rural population of South Carolina is 1,290,568, which would allow $13,100. The amount for North Carolina for salaries of teachers of trade and industrial subjects, based on an urban population of 318,000 would be $3,750 for 1916-17; for South Carolina, with an urban population of 224,833 it would be $2,650.

"Vocational education as defined in this bill," says Representative Hughes, of Georgia, its author, "refers so that kind of practical education which is designed to prepare boys and girls for the useful employments and occupations. It is especially designed to prepare workers for the common occupations in which the great mass of our people find useful employment. It means that form of education whose controlling purpose is to give training of a secondary grade to persons over 14 years of age for increased efficiency in useful employment in the trades and industries, in agriculture, in commerce, and commercial pursuits and in callings based upon a knowledge of home economics."

The Theory.

This proposed legislation is based upon the theory that every occupation may be so filled as to reflect intelligent guidance. The activities are endless. In the trades and industries the work of the carpenter, the mason, the baker, the stonecutter, the electrician, the plumber, the machinist, the toolmaker, the engineer, the miner, the painter, the typesetter, the linotype operator, the tailor, the weaver, the glovemaker.

In agriculture the work of general farming, orcharding, dairying, poultry raising, truck farming, horticulture, bee culture and stock raising.

In home economics the work of the dietician, cook, housemaid, institution manager and household decorator.

In commerce the work of bookkeeper, the clerk, the stenographer, the typist, the auditor, and the accountant.

"The American people have hardly begun the work of providing for the practical education or the millions of wageworkers," said Mr. Hughes. In this whole country there are fewer trade schools than are to be found in the little German kingdom of Bavaria, with a population not much greater than that of New York City.

BANKS DECLARE DIVIDENDS

Four Wilmington Financial Institutions Will Distribute $35,000—Total for Year of $125,000.

Four Wilmington banks will distribute among their stockholders on January 1st the tidy little sum of $34,450 in the form of dividends to stockholders, making a total for the year of more than $125,000. This does not include two of the younger institutions which have not as yet declared dividends.

All of the banks have added large surpluses to their working capital during the year. The high price of cotton and other farm produce, the increased trade by local merchants, the thriving condition of the manufacturing enterprises here, have all combined to make it a good year for the banks.

The Murchison National Bank will declare its usual quarterly dividend of 2 per cent, with all taxes paid for the year on its capital stock of a million dollars. The Wilmington Savings & Trust Co., will declare its usual quarterly dividend of 3 per cent and in addition an extra dividend of 2 per cent on its capital stock of $100,000 while the People's Savings Bank will pay its regular quarterly dividend of 3 per cent on a capital of $65,000. The American Bank & Trust Company will pay its customary semi-annual dividend of 3 per cent on a capital of $250,000. The Home Savings Bank and the Citizens' Bank have not declared a dividend but have had a prosperous year and have made large earnings for their stockholders.

The record of dividends for the four banks is as follows:

Murchison—Capital $1,000,000; dividend 2 per cent quarterly; distribution $20,000.

American—Capital $250,000; semi-annual dividend of 3 per cent, January 1, $7,500.

Wilmington Savings & Trust—Capital $100,000; quarterly dividend of 3 per cent and extra dividend of 2 per cent, January 1, $5,000.

People's Savings—Capital $65,000; quarterly dividend of 3 per cent, January 1, $1,950.

NOTORIOUS NEGRO IS HELD

Son Darling Alias Harry Gose Wanted Here For Highway Robbery Is Being Held in Philadelphia

Harry Gose, alias Son Darling, alias Gangare, a notorious Wilmington negro, who is wanted here on a charge of highway robbery, is in the toils of the law in Philadelphia on a charge of assault and battery, acording to letters and Bertillion measurements received by Chief of Police N. J. Williams and Sheriff George C. Jackson yesterday, from the Quaker City Department of Public Safety.

Gose is the negro who entered a house where several other colored men were gathered about six weeks ago, and relieved them of all their valuables at the point of a revolver. According to records obtainable at police headquarters yesterday afternon, Gose has served one five year term on the New Hanover chain gang, two terms of 60 days and several of 30 days. He has been convicted of various crimes and miedemeanors ranging from drunk and disorderly and assault and battery to highway robbery.

Sheriff Jackson yesterday sent the following telegram to Joseph Tate, captain of detectives, at Philadelphia:

"Harry Gose, known here as Son Darling, is wanted in Wilmington for highway robbery. Will you deliver him if we send for him?

"GEORGE C. JACKSON."
"Sheriff New Hanover County."

SCHOONER NEARS COMPLETION

Last Rib Will be Added to Vessel on Eagles Island This Week.

The last rib in the frame work of one of the two big four masted schooners now being constructed at the plant of the Wilmington Iron Works on Eagles Island, is expected to be completed this week, according to a statement made by Capt. Edward P. Bailey, president of the Iron Works, yesterday.

The work of ceiling the vessel will be begun early next week, and it is planed to launch the big schooner during the early spring. The other boat, which was started later than the one now nearing completion, will also soon be ready for her ceiling.

It is highly probable that the two vessels will be put into service as soon as they are completed, as there is a great demand for vessels of this class in the merchant marine service just now.

WILMINGTON MAN WANTED

Alleged to be a Straggler From the U. S. S. Hartford.

The police were notified yesterday that the Navy Department would pay $25 for the apprehension of Emil Krahnke, a first class fireman, alleged to be a straggler from the U. S. S. Hartford. Krahnke formerly lived in Wilmington, where he was employed as a tailor. The circular bears the startling information that he is seven feet, six and one half inches tall, and weighs a trifle over 138 pounds. Local acquaintances of Krahnke, however, are firm in their belief that he is at least 1½ inches shorter than Uncle Sam's ferrets would lead them to believe.

IN THE RECORDER'S COURT

Only Three Defendants Faced the Recorder Yesterday Morning.

Only three defendants, all colored, faced Recorder George Harriss at yesterday morning's session of the court. The charge of trespass against Hannah Wilson, was adjudged malicious and frivolous, and the prosecutrix, Martha Hall, was taxed with the costs. The case against Henry Baldwin for receiving stolen goods was nol prossed, and that against Joe Walker for abandonment was continued until today.

ANNOUNCING

Our Next Regular Interest Quarter

January 2nd

Your Deposit, made with this bank on or before the above date will have the advantage of drawing Interest from the New Year —the first of January—and will receive credit for a full quarter's interest three months from date. Begin the New Year and success with the "People's."

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J. W. NORWOOD, ... Vice-President
J. L. WILLIAMS, ... Cashier
W. HULL MOORE, ... Assistant Cashier
J. G. THORNTON, ... Teller

PREPARING FOR BIG CROWD

Large Attendance Expected at Wilmington Baptist Union Meeting at Shiloh Tomorrow.

According to reports received in the city yesterday, abundant preparations are being made by the people of Shiloh church and community, six miles from Atkinson, for entertaining the Union meeting of the Wilmington Baptist Association, which meets with that church tomorrow and Sunday. Quite a crowd from Wilmington is expected, according to reports.

It is even rumored that some of the people have put off having their Christmas dainties and the many good things to eat for which the section is noted, in order that there may be a superabundance to feed the crowds which are expected Saturday and Sunday.

Quite an attractive programme has been arranged. Among the speakers are Dr. John J. Hurt, Rev. L. B. Boney, Rev. J. A. Sullivan, Messrs. G. E. Leftwich, C. C. Cashwell, L. W. Moore, O. B. Hinnant and Rev. A. D. Carter, of Wilmington.

The church is situated in a prosperous section of Pender county and is counted among the average churches of the association. It is one of the two churches in the association which have been awarded a diploma by the Sunday School Board of the Southern Baptist Convention for having an A-1 Sunday school, which means that it has reached the ten standards set down by the board.

Preparations have been made to meet those who go by railroad, at Atkinson with autos, in order that the trip may be more pleasant.

METHODIST BODIES SEEKING UNION MEET IN BALTIMORE

Baltimore, Dec. 28—The two commissions on corpodate union of the Northern and Southern branches of the Methodist Episcopal church met jointly here today and adopted resolutions offered by Rev. Dr. John F. Gouchere, founder of Gouchere College, to meet separately this afternoon and tonight and to reconvene for joint organization tomorrow.

The joint conference is expected to continue into next week and all sessions will be executive and secret. Bishop Earl Cranston, of the Northern church, and Edwin D. Mouzon, of the Southern church, have been foremost among advocates of union.

—Mr. John Fergus left yesterday afternoon for Florida, after spending the holidays in the city.

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SUITS PRICES, JUST ½ OF ORIGINAL.
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BELK-WILLIAMS COMP'Y

SOCIAL and PERSONAL

Miss Gladys Collins and Miss Julia Mattox, of Maysville, are visiting Rev. and Mrs. E. C. Sell.

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Mrs. W. L. DeRossett will arrive in the city this afternoon to visit her daughter, Mrs. F. M. Ross.

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Mrs. J. L. Carnes and daughter, of Whiteville, are spending a few days in the city with relatives and friends.

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Miss Lucy Davis, of Whiteville, was a guest at the Hotel Wilmington yesterday.

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Mrs. W. D. Bizzelle, of Elizabethtown, was in the city yesterday. She was registered at the Wilmington.

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Capt. and Mrs. J. B. Church, of Southport, were in Wilmington yesterday. They were guests at the Orton.

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Mrs. D. K. Smithers and little son, Robert, of Washington, D. C., are the guests of Mr. and Mrs. James Owen Reilly, No. 212 Nun street.

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Miss Minnie Hardy, who has been spending the holidays in the city with friends, has returned to her home at Freeman.

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Miss Florence Morris, who spent Christmas at her former home in Wadesboro, has returned to the city.

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Mr. and Mrs. John W. Pridgen have returned from their bridal trip to the North, and are at home in their new bungalow at Carolina Court.

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The many friends of Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Chesnut will regret to learn that their little boy is ill in the James Walker Memorial Hospital.

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Mr. and Mrs. E. S. Rich have returned to their home in Raleigh after spending the holidays with Mrs. Rich's mother, Mrs. George A. Bishop, at Winter Park.

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Th Epworth League of Grace Methodist church will hold a social service meeting in the lecture room of the church this evening at 8 o'clock.

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Mr. and Mrs. George S. Austin, of Painesville, Ohio, are visiting Mr. and Mrs. Wm. C. Munds, corner Ninth and Market streets.

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Mr. and Mrs. R. W. Pridgen have returned from a very pleasant visit of several days to friends and relatives in Charlotte.

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Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Farley have returned from a delightful visit during the holidays to relatives at Chadbourn and Whiteville.

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Mr. and Mrs. Howard B. Branch returned yesterday from Richmond, Va., where they spent the Christmas holidays with relatives.

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Mr. J. F. Roache has returned from a pleasant visit to relatives during the holidays in Richmond, Va. Mrs. Roache and children will remain for several days yet.

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Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Long, of Rutherfordton, are here visiting Mrs. Long's mother, Mrs. Annie Batson, on South Second street. Mrs. Long was formerly Miss Ethel Bowen, of this city.

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Wilmington friends of Mr. and Mrs. Hill Emmett King, of Raleigh, have received invitations to attend their golden wedding celebration which will be held on New Year's Day.

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Little Miss Helen Reilly, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James Owen Reilly, will entertain a number of her young friends this afternoon from 4 to 7 o'clock at her home on Nun street in honor of Master Robert Smithers, of Washington, D. C.

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An enjoyable oyster roast will be given tomorrow afternoon at Lumina, Wrightsville Beach, under the auspices of the Christian Endeavor Society of the First Presbyterian church. Cars will leave Front and Princess streets at 3 o'clock. It is expected that there will be several hundred in the party.

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Cards have been received in this city announcing the marriage of Miss Mattie Reid, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Reid, of Elizabeth City, to Mr. Edgar Everette Bundy, son of Rev. J. D. Bundy, former pastor of Grace Methodist church in this city, which took place at Elizabeth City Wednesday.

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Among Wilmington's holiday visitors were Col. W. B. Fort, of Pikeville; Mr. and Mrs. R. A. Fetzer, of Raleigh, and Miss Maude Avant, of Savannah, Ga. Miss Avant is a holiday guest of Mrs. Fetzer at "Belvidere," the hospitable home of her father, Colonel Fort. Mr. Fetzer is a chemist at the A. & M. College.

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CHRISTMAS DANCE OF THE GERMANIA CLUB ENJOYED

The Christmas dance of the Germania Club, given Tuesday evening, December 26th, at the Howard Relief club building, was greatly enjoyed by a good size crowd of the younger set. A midnight lunch was served by the ladies and dancing was indulged in until about 2 a. m. Excellent music for the occasion was furnished by the Whitlock-West orchestra, who will also furnish music for the club's New Year ball on the evening of January 1st.

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The Sunday school entertainment of the Calvary Baptist church will be held at the church tonight, beginning at 8 o'clock. An attractive programme has been arranged for the occasion, and it is expected that there will be a large number of the children of the school and their friends in attendance.

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Magnolia, N. C., Dec. 28.—Rev. R. F. Munns performed two marriage ceremonies yesterday. Yesterday morning he married Miss Lula Register and Mr. M. C. Carter at the home of the bride's father, Mr. Henry Register, about two miles from town; and yesterday evening he married Miss Sadie Blanton and Mr. Bruce Heath at the Methodist parsonage. Miss Blanton is the daughter of Mr. J. H. Blanton, a prosperous farmer living about two miles from here. Mr. Heath holds a position in High Point, N. C.

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MISS RAY GRAFFLIN BRIDE OF MR. J. L. BROWNING

Miss Ray Grafflin, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Grafflin, formerly of Wilmington, but now of New York, and Mr J. L. Browning were quietly married at Warsaw on Christmas Day by Rev. A. O. Moore, pastor of the Baptist church there. The bride is a charming and accomplished young woman who has for some time been connected with the Nurses' Training School of the James Walker Memorial hospital. The groom is a young contractor of this city. After a bridal tour to various points of interest they will make their future home in Wilmington.

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CELEBRATE THEIR SILVER WEDDING ANNIVERSARY HERE

Adjutant and Mrs. James Yates, of the Salvation Army, observed their silver wedding anniversary yesterday. Many friends extended congratulations and wished them many more years of happy wedded life. They were married twenty-five years ago in Ware, England, but have resided in this country for many years. Since their residence in Wilmington they have made a host of friends. Their unselfish Christian service have greatly endeared them to a great many people here and in other cities, all of whom will join in happy felicitations.

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MRS. J. A. WYCHE ENTERTAINS IN HONOR OF HOUSE GUESTS

Hallsboro, N. C., Dec. 28.—The doors of the hospitable home of Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Wyche, of Hallsboro, were thrown open to a number of guests last evening in honor of Miss Lila Herring, of Burgaw, and Miss Marie Farley, of Wilmington, who were their house guests during the holidays.

The guests were met in the spacious hall by Mrs. M. M. Wyche and were ushered into the artistically decorated east parlor by Mrs. J. A. Wyche. Music and various card games were the amusements of the eevning. A delicious two-course luncheon was served. The guests departed at a late hour after voting Mrs. Wyche a most charming hostess.

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MISS ETHEL SOUTHERLAND IS BRIDE OF MR. HUGH JOHNSON

Rose Hill, N. C., Dec. 28.—A quiet wedding was solemnized last evening at the home of the bride, when Miss Ethel, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Southerland, became the bride of Mr. Hugh Johnson. The ceremony was performed by Rev. W. P. M. Currie, pastor of the bride, in the presence of only near relatives.

Immediately after the ceremony Mr. and Mrs. Johnson left for Northern points to spend their honeymoon.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. W. B. Southerland, cashier of the Bank of Rose Hill. She is a very talented and popular young woman. The groom is a native of Sampson county and a very popular traveling salesman.

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DELIGHTFUL CHRISTMAS PLAY GIVEN AT IMMANUEL HALL

A delightful Christmas play entitled "Partners of Santa Claus" was presented at Immanuel hall, corner Front and Queen streets, last night by members of the Sunday school of Immanuel Presbyterian church. The auditorium was filled to overflowing by the several hundred people in attendance. The different months of the year were appropriately represented in the play while jolly Santa Claus had a prominent part and brought gifts for the children.

Those taking part in the play acquitted themselves most creditably and had been splendidly trained under the direction of Misses Alma Kermon and Florence Bonitz. The entertainment was greatly enjoyed by everyone present.

The Brotherhood of the church presented Mrs. Baxter F. Ozment, the efficient church organist, with a handsome gift in token of their appreciation of her faithful service.

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CHRISTMAS DANCE AT BURGAW A MOST DELIGHTFUL AFFAIR

Burgaw, N. C., Dec. 28.—The Christmas dance given here last night by the young men of the town proved to be the most thoroughly enjoyed hop of the year. The cream of society in this and adjoining counties was present, there being visitors here from Wallace, Warsaw, Willard, Rocky Point, Kenansville, Clinton, Atkinson, Currie, Mount Olive, Wilson, Wilmington and elsewhere.

The dance was gracefully led by Mr. Charlie Johnson, of Burgaw, about 100 couples participating, and so greatly was it enjoyed that the dancers voted unanimously to hold a New Year dance here next Tuesday night, January 2nd. The music as furnished by the Whitlock-West orchestra from Wilmington could not have been improved upon. This orchestra, great favorite in this section, has been engaged to furnish music again next Tuesday evening for the New Year ball.

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DEMPSEY-STRICKLAND WEDDING TOOK PLACE LAST NIGHT

Miss Nellie L. Dempsey, daughter of Mr. F. J. Dempsey, of this city, and Mr. Herbert S. Strickland, were married last night at 6 o'clock at the Wrightsboro Baptist church in the presence of a large number of their friends. The ceremony was performed by Rev. J. A. Sullivan, pastor of the Calvary Baptist church.

The bride and groom had planned to have a very quiet wedding, and were greatly surprised upon arriving at the church that their many friends had otherwise, and turned out in such large numbers that they entirely filled the church. Both of the contracting parties had been active workers in the Lightsboro church, and wished to be married in the church as a matter of sentiment. When they discovered that their wedding was to be largely attended they accepted the situation very gracefully, and appeared to be as well pleased as if things had gone just as they planned. The church was prettily decorated as a surprise to the bride and groom, who had not anticipated anything of the sort. Following the ceremony, Mr. and Mrs. Strickland left by train for Dudley, where they will make their future home.

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"WEEK OF PRAYER" TO BE OBSERVED BY BAPTIST WOMEN

The Woman's Missionary Union of the First Baptist church, along with the local unions throughout the bounds of the Southern Baptist Convention, has arranged for appropriate observance of the "Week of Prayer," December 31 to January 6, inclusive, the general subject of which will be "World Wide Missions." Services will be held at the church each of the seven days from 3:30 to 4:30 p. m. The topics and leaders for the seven services have been announced as follows:

Sunday—"Teaching the Word"—Mrs. Fulton Allen.

Monday—"Publish Abroad the Kingdom"—Mrs. D. H. Willcox.

Tuesday—"Some to be Evangelists"—To be supplied.

Wednesday—"China"—Mrs. John J. Hurt.

Thursday—"For the Healing of the Nations"—Mrs. Alderman.

Friday—"A Well of Living Waters"—Mrs. P. O'Neal.

Saturday—"The Field is the World"—Mrs. Mitchell Allen.

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MISS PICKARD ENTERTAINS IN HONOR OF HER COUSIN

Miss Nellie Pickard delightfully entertained last night at her home, No. 409 North Fourth street, in honor of her cousin, Miss Margaret Garvey, who is a senior at Meredith College. The evening was spent very pleasantly in playing games and contests and enjoying musical selections. Miss Pauline Williams played several delightful selections on the piano. Delicious refreshments were served.

Those enjoying Miss Pickard's hospitality were: Misses Margaret Garvey, Lessie Abrams, Mary Marshall, Bea Presson, Estelle and Bertha Cox, Annie Mae Gore, Cecil Rhodes, Lena Mae Herring, Dovie Blackwell, Pauline Williams, Bessie Roberts, Virginia Fountain and Mary Garvey; Mrs. R. E. Williams, Mrs. W. E. Pickard, Mr. and Mrs. David Wilcox, and Messrs. Burroughs Smith, L. E. Williams, D. H. Howes, Jr., A. H. Marshburn, E. B. Cox, Rodgers Smith, Leo and H. C. Marshall, G. Herring, B. V. Sunofsky, E. Child, Carl Schulken, Cary Lewis, and E. Murrill.

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QUIET WEDDING SOLEMNIZED AT HOME AT WALLACE, N. C.

Wallace, N. C., Dec. 28.—Wednesday afternoon a quiet wedding was solemnized at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. O. Warde, when their daughter, Miss Donnie, became the bride of Mr. Jacob Powell. The bride, dressed in a going-away suit of blue with accessories to match, carrying a shower bouquet of narcissus and lillies-of-the-valley, entered on the arm of the groom. Rev. C. V. Brooks, the pastor of the bride, officiated, the ring bearer being little Martha Rebecca Warde, little daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. D. Warde, of Burgaw.

Prior to the ceremony, while the relatives and a few intimate friends assembled in the parlor, several lovely musical numbers were given by Mrs. F. P. Powers, who also played the wedding march from Mendelssohn as the couple entered.

After the wedding the couple left in an automobile for a visit to the groom's family near Chinquapin.

The bride is one of the most accomplished young women of this town. She is organist of the Baptist church, and a young woman of a high type of a Christian character. The groom is owner of the Powell Hardware Company, and is one of the most prominent and successful business men of Wallace. Wallace is glad this couple will continue to make this their home.

Many gifts of cut glass, silver, etc., attested the popularity of the couple. The out-of-town guests included: Mr. and Mrs. George Highsmith and Mr. and Mrs. A. D. Warde, of Burgaw, and Mrs. A. P. Hines, of Winston, sister of the bride.

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BEAUTIFUL CHURCH WEDDING SOLEMNIZED AT CHADBOURN

Chadbourn, N. C., Dec. 28.—One of the most beautiful weddings ever solemnized in this city was that of Miss Elizabeth Edna Smith to Mr. Clare Russell Bailey Christmas evening at 5 o'clock at the Methodist church. The ceremony was performed by Rev. G. M. Daniel, the bride's pastor, the impressive ring ceremony being used.

The church was a scene of artistic beauty, the altar being banked with evergreens, ferns and Southern smilax, while the soft glow from many candles shed a halo of light from half hidden depths of green. The chancel rails were entwined with ivy and Southern smilax as also was the arch from which was suspended a large white bell, while underneath a pillow of fern and flowers provided a kneeling place for the couple. The aisles were bordered with evergreens and ferns interspersed with ting baskets of pink and white carnations and lilies with candles glowing in the hidden arches, making a scene of enchanting lovaliness. The color scheme of pink and green was carried out in every detail. Immediately facing them, perched archly amid the ferns, were two lovely white doves, as though waiting to bestow a blessing upon the happy pair.

Preceding the ceremony the following musical programme was charmingly rendered by Mrs. J. B. Bardin, organist: Beethoven's "Andante in C," Melodies from Verdi, March from Tannhauser. The wedding march from Lohengrin heralded the approach of the bridal party, which entered in the following order:

Miss Helen Land with Mr. Paul Brown, Miss Mary McKenzie with Mr. Roy Hand. Miss Artemisia Smith, maid of honor, then the groom and his brother, Mr. Guy Bailey, who was best man, up one aisle, while up the other aisle came the dainty little flower girls, Mazie and Myrtle Willis, strewing the path pathway of the bride with pink and white rose petals. Little Master John Shelton, clad in white, bearing the ring on a silver tray, preceded the groom and his best man. Then came the bride, sweet and lovely in her going away suit of midnight blue cloth with accessories to match, carrying an army bouquet of bride roses and ferns leaning on the arm of her brother, Mr. V. D. Smith, who gave her away. "A Theme from Chopin" was softly rendered during the ceremony and as a benediction Miss Inez Wilkes sweetly sang those beautiful lines from Sidney Lanier entitled "The Life Road." The bridal party left the church to the glad triumphant strains of Mendelssohn's wedding march and the bride and groom immediately took the A. C. L. train for an extended tour in Florida and Havana.

The maid of honor, sister of the bride, was beautifully gowned in pink tulle and taffeta, while Miss Hand was resplendent in white charmeuse silk and net. Miss McKenzie's dress of blue crepe meteor and lace was a dream of loveliness, and the dainty twin flower girls were bewitching in white organdy and pink ribbons.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Smith, of this place, and is highly esteemed for her many attractive qualities. The groom is a graduate of A. & M. College and is a very successful scientific farmer near Chadbourn. He numbers his friends by the score.

PERSONAL PARAGRAPHS.

—Mr. Aubrey Macomber, who spent the holidays with his mother at Wrightsville Sound, has returned to Albany, Ga.

—Yesterday's Raleigh News and Observer: "Mr. J. Courtland McEachern, of Wilmington, arrived in Raleigh yesterday for a stay of several days.

—Mr. J. M. Woolard, Jr., assistant cashier of the Bank of Hoewell, Va., spent Christmas with his parents, Mr. and Mr. J. M. Woolard.

—Mr. O. T. Wallace, after spending the holidays with Mrs. Wallace in this city, left yesterday afternoon for Florida.

—Mr. W. B. Koziah, of the Whiteville News Reporter, was in the city yesterday morning returning from a visit to his old home in Union county.

—Mr. John Mathers, formerly connected with the Health Department of Wilmington, and now with the Goldsboro Health Department, spent a few days in the city during the past week.

—Mr. Albert Sternberg, who has been spending the Christmas holidays at his home, No. 518 South Sixth street, returned to Rocky Mount yesterday afternoon.

—Mr. E. C. Marshburn, who spent the Christmas holidays at his home, No. 609 Queen street, returned to Asheville yesterday morning, where he will spend the remainder of the winter.

—Among the North Carolina arrivals at the Orton yesterday were E. J. Hill, Warsaw; W. N. Jones, Councils; C. P. Gage, Washington; C. B. Wade, Morehead City; S. W. Wade, Raleigh.

NOTED SCREEN ACTRESS HERE NEW YEAR'S DAY

Miss Rose Tapley Will be Wilmington's Guest Monday.

Will Include Wilmington on Her Southern Itinerary, and Will Appear at Local Theatre—Will be Guest at Banquet.

Miss Rose Tapley, one of the most charming and most celebrated screen stars of America, is to be Wilmington's guest on New Year's Day. This announcement was made by Mr. D. M. Bain, publicity manager for the Howard-Wells Amusement Company, last night. Miss Tapley is loved and admired in every section of the globe where the silent drama has penetrated, and the news that she is to pay Wilmington a visit will be received with delight by the motion picture patrons of the city.

The noted actress will arrive Monday on the 9:50 train from Washington, D. C., and will be the guest of the Howard-Wells Company while in Wilmington. She will attend a banquet at The Orton Monday night given by the amusement company to their employes and their wives and friends. Miss Tapley will also appear at one of the local theatres during the day.

Wilmington owes its good fortune in securing a visit from this charming celebrity for the most part to Mr. Percy W. Wells, president of the North Carolina Exhibitors' League and to Mr. Bain. Miss Tapley is now making a tour of the United States that will not be completed until next August, and as it was her intention to include only cities of 50,000 people or over, on her itinerary, Wilmington will be the first and probably the only exception.

Miss Tapley is a product of Dixie, being a native of Petersburg, Va. She has been connected with the Vitagraph Company for the past eight years and during that time she has appeared in as many photo dramas as any leading lady in America.

It is one of her boasts that until she recently took the part of a Northern woman in the "Rose of the South," she had never played a role that was a detriment to the traditions of the South or its people.

This interesting young lady also claims the honor of being the only woman member of the Electrical Motion Picture Operators' Union. She can qualify as an operator at any time. Another boast that is made by her friends and admirers, is that she is one of the most beautiful women in the world. So far as known, however, the lady herself has given out no interviews on this subject.

Miss Tapley's first appearance as a motion picture actress was in "Wanted —A Dog" staged by the Biograph Company in 1905. Since that time her rise has been rapid and today she occupies the exalted pedestal in popularity, along with Anita Stewart, Annette Kellerman, Marguerite Fischer and other noted screen stars.

During the session of the North Carolina Exhibitors' League at Charlotte last week, Miss Tapley was one of the principal guests of honor. She led the grand march at the big ball held at the aditorium in Charlotte on last Friday night with Mr. Maurice Costello.

It is expected that hundreds of Wilmington theatre-goers will turn out to see the famous star in real life when she appears at a local theatre. The name of the play house which she will visit will be definitely announced later.

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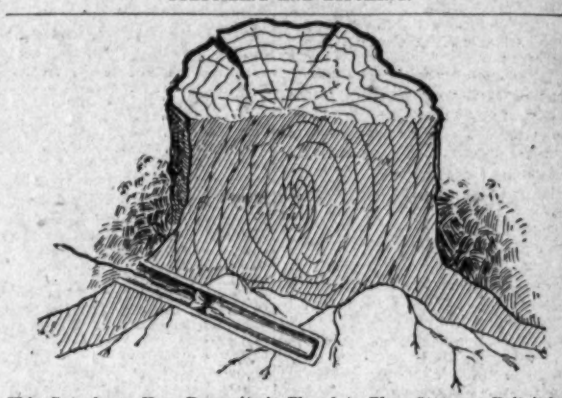

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FINANCIAL AND COMMERCIAL

ADVANCE IN COTTON BREAKS

Prices Drop After Rising About $2.00 Per Bale—General List 23 to 30 Points Net Lower.

New York, Dec. 28.—A further advance of about $2 a bale was followed by a very sudden and severe break in the cotton market here this afternoon. May sold from 18.29 to 17.57, a decline of more than 70 points from the early high level and of 31 points from the final price of yesterday. That delivery closed at 17.59, with the general list closing steady, but from 23 to 30 points net lower.

The early advance reflected a renewal of the buying movement which developed right after Christmas. After opening at an advance of 7 to 20 points active months sold 39 to 41 points above last night's closing figures, March touching 18.00 and July 18.29, an advance of approximately $9 per bale from the lowe level of last week. This evidently attracted realizing and the market turned easier during the middle of the day.

Reports that the British government had increased its requisition of ocean freight space for munitions and grains did not seem to attract much attention until advices were received from New Orleans asserting that ocean freight space for cotton was being withdrawn. The volume of offerings on the afternoon decline was not particularly heavy, but after the advance of nearly two cents per pound in about a week's time, there was little demand in evidence, and stop orders were uncovered on the long side. March sold off to 17.30 and July to 17.60 and the market closed within a point or two of the lowest.

	Open	High	Low	Close
January	17.37	17.65	17.00	17.01
March	17.72	18.00	17.28	17.31
May	17.97	18.29	17.57	17.59
July	17.96	18.29	17.60	17.61
October	16.46	16.76	16.11	16.12

Spot cotton quiet: middling uplands 17.40; sales 900 bales.

THE PORT MOVEMENT.

New Orleans—Middling, 17.25; receipts, 3,993; exports, 3,680; sales, 1,400; stock, 494,636.

Galveston—Receipts, 1,735; exports, 7,183; sales, 1,300; stock, 373,353.

Mobile — Middling, 17.00; receipts, 126; stock, 20,571.

Savannah—Middling, 18.25; receipts, 1,886; sales, 800; stock, 210,257.

Charleston—Receipts, 365; stock, 71,009.

Wilmington—Middling, 17⅜; receipts, 104; stock, 50,621.

Texas City — Receipts, 3,500.

Norfolk—Middling, 17¾; receipts, 1,327; sales, 315; stock, 114,042.

Baltimore—Exports, 4,218; stock, 9,138.

Boston—Middling, 17.35; receipts, 1,194; exports, 5,270; stock, 8,900.

Philadelphia—Middling, 17.65; stock, 1,149.

New York—Middling, 17.40; receipts, 417; exports, 1,390; stock, 146,187.

Minor Ports — Receipts, 10,871; exports, 10,946; stock, 57,759.

Total today—Receipts, 30,971; exports, 25,504; stock, 1,554,622.

Total for week—Receipts, 126,376; exports, 91,680.

Total for season—Receipts, 4,366,546; exports 3,074,555.

Interior Movement.

Houston—Middling, 17.00; receipts, 5,282; shipments, 6,032; sales, 10; stock, 280,154.

Memphis—Receipts, 6,984; shipments, 4,701; stock, 324,427.

Augusta — Middling, 17.63; receipts, 1,124; shipments, 364; sales, 295; stock, 154,334.

St. Louis—Receipts, 1,354; shipments, 1,906; stock, 32,621.

Cincinnati — Receipts, 2,240; shipments, 1,331; stock, 24,840.

Little Rock—Middling, 17.25; receipts, 1,019; shipments, 1,011; sales, 1,011; stock, 55,288.

Dallas—Middling, 16.65; sales, 3,498.

Montgomery—Middling, 17.25.

Total today — Receipts, 18,003; shipments, 15,345; stock, 871,664.

NEW ORLEANS COTTON

Market Suddenly Breaks After Rise of $2.50 Per Bale.

New Orleans, Dec. 28.—Price-changes in the local cotton market today were extremely violent. A morning bulge of $2.50 a bale on the strongest months was followed in the afternoon by sudden slumps which carried values down until the weakest months were over $4 a bale lower than the topmost prices. Withdrawal of Liverpool freight rates on cotton caused wild selling.

The market opened at the advance and went 11 to 16 points up in the early trading, chiefly on good cables, and toward noon the gain was widened to 38 to 49 points. Here the market commenced to hesitate under profit-taking by recent sellers but it was not until the early afternoon that real weakness developed.

When the break did come it was as sudden as it was sharp. In a few minutes' time prices were 67 to 76 points down from the highest. The rebound from this break was as sudden, and on it the market recovered about 30 points. The recovery only served to bring out the selling orders in greater volume and another break resulted, which put prices 73 to 83 points down from the top. There was a small reaction toward the close, which was steady 24 to 25 points under the close of yesterday. At the lowest they were 24 to 41 under. Closing bid: Jan. 16.81; March 16.94; May 17.19; July 17.40; Oct. 15.70.

Spot cotton steady and unchanged; sales on the spot 400; to arrive 1,000. Middling 17.25.

LIVERPOOL COTTON MARKET.

Liverpool, December 28. — Cotton, spot, higher. Good middling, 1,076; middling, 10.64; low middling, 10.48; good ordinary, 10.12; ordinary, 9.82.

Sales, 5,000; 500 for speculation and export; receipts, 33,000. Futures, steady. December, 10.54; December-January, 10.52; January-February, 10.53; February-March, 10.55; March-April, 10.67; April-May, 10.72; May-June, 10.79; June-July, 10.79; July-August, 10.79; August-September, 10.85; September-October, 10.21; October-November, 10.10; November-December, 10.02; December-January, 9.97.

WHEAT PRICES HELD DOWN

Depression, Which Was Apparent Nearly All the Day, Seemed Chiefly Due to Heaviness of Stocks.

Chicago, Dec. 28. — Depression, which was manifest in the wheat market nearly all the time today, seemed to be chiefly due to the heaviness of New York stock quotations. The close was unsettled, ⅛ to 2⅜ net lower, with May at 1.72⅝ to 1.73, and July at 1.38⅞ to 1.39.

Corn lost ⅛ to 1c. and oats a shade to ⅝c.; provisions finished unchanged to 35c. down. Close:

Wheat—May, 1.73 3-4; July, 1.38 7-8.

Corn—May, 92⅛; July, 91⅝.

Oats—May, 53½; July, 51.

Pork—January, 2720; May, 26.80.

Lard—January, 15.67; May, 15.97.

Ribs—January, 13.95; May, 14.40.

Cash grain:

Wheat—No. 2 and No. 3, red, No. 2 and No. 3, hard, nominal.

Corn—No. 2, yellow, 92¼@92½; No. 4, yellow, 88@90¼; No. 4, white, 89@90¾.

MARINE.

MARINE DIRECTORY.

List of Vessels in Port at Wilmington, North Carolina.

Steamers.

Str. Nicaria (Ger.), 3,283 tons, Heilasch, Heide & Co.

Str Kiel (Ger.), 2,873 tons, Lemke, Heide & Co.

WILMINGTON MARKETS.

(Quoted Daily by the Wilmington Chamber of Commerce.)

STAR OFFICE, Dec. 28.

SPIRITS TURPENTINE—50½c.

ROSIN—$5.60, $5.35.

TAR—$2.60-11c.

CRUDE TURPENTINE—$4.00, $4.00, $5.00.

Quotations same day last year—Spirits turpentine, 53c.; rosin, $5.30 and $5.20; tar, $2.10-8½c.; crude turpentine, $3.50, $3.50, $2.50.

RECEIPTS:

Spirits Turpentine .....(—)

Rosin 15

Tar 35

Crude Turpentine ..... (—)

Receipts same day last year—Spirits turpentine, (—) casks; rosin, (—) barrels; tar, 54 barrels; crude turpentine, (—) barrels.

COTTON MARKET.

Market—17⅝c.; same day last year, 11 3-8c.

Receipts—104 bales; same day last year 302 bales.

Total receipts since August 1 to date, 73,598 bales.

Total receipts to same date last year, 135,124 bales.

BY RIVER AND RAIL

Receipts of Cotton and Naval Stores at This Port Yesterday.

December 28, 1916.

Atlantic Coast Line—38 bales cotton; 15 barrels rosin; 35 barrels tar.

Seaboard Air Line—16 bales cotton.

Total—104 bales cotton; 15 barrels rosin; 35 barrels tar.

PRODUCE MARKETS.

(Quoted by W. J. Meredith, Dec. 28.)

SWEET POTATOES—Yams, new, 65c. to 70c. bushel.

IRISH POTATOES—$2.00 per bu.

CORN—$1.15 to $1.17½ per bu.

BEEF—Native dressed, 9c. to 10c.

PORK—Small, 10c, to 12c. per pound.

WOOL—Burry, 26 to 32½; first class wool, 28 to 35; highest grade, washed wool, 38c.

SHEEP—Old, good quality, gross, $ 1-2 to 3c pound. Lambs, best quality, 6 to 7c pound.

HIDES—Green, salt, 18c. to 20c.

NORTH CAROLINA BACON — Old hams, 25c.; sides and shoulders, 20c. per lb.; good demand.

BEESWAX — Firm, 28c. per pound; good demand.

POULTRY—Turkeys, 20c. to 22½c. on foot; dressed, 25c. to 27½c. lb.; chickens, grown, 45c to 50c; spring, 20c to 25c head.

EGGS—32c to 33c dozen.

WILMINGTON PEANUT MARKET.

(Quoted by J. S. Funchess & Co.)

Wilmington, Dec. 28. — North Carolina peanuts; new crop, farmers' stock, fancy handpicked, $1.15; No. 1, machine, $1.12 per bushel.

Virginia peanuts, farmers' stock, new crop, Jumbos, 80c.; fancy handpicked, 75c.; No. 1 machine picked, 65c.

Spanish peanuts, farmers' stock, new crop, No. 1, small, machine picked, $1.30; Jumbos, $1.25 per bushel.

PETERSBURG PEANUT MARKET.

(Reported by Rodgers, Plummer & Co., Inc.)

Petersburg, Va., December 28. — Spanish, Farmers' stock—Market, steady, $1.30 per bu.

Virginias — Farmers' stock, market steady. Fancy Jumbo, 4c. to 4 1-2c. per lb.; Extra Prime, 3¾c. to 4c. per lb.; Prime, 3½c. to 3¾c.; Shelling stock, 2c. to 3½c.

COTTON SEED CONSUMPTION.

Washington, Dec. 28. — The Census Bureau announced today its report on cotton seed and cotton seed products for the quarter ending October 31, as follows:

Cotton seed received at mills, 2,297,233 tons; crushed, 1,082,596 tons; on hand at mills, October 31, 1,227,712 tons; crude oil produced, 319,250,235 pounds; on hand, 72,735,305 pounds; linters obtained, 270,760 bales (of 500 pounds); on hand, 154,263 bales; hull fiber obtained, 64,212 bales; on hand, 7,563 bales; refined oil produced, 194,376,175 pounds; on hand at mills, 78,970,283; imports of oil, 1,293,247 pounds; exports of oil, 26,833,463 pounds; exports of linters, unbleached, 45,920 running bales; bleached, 29,986.

NEW YORK MONEY MARKET.

New York, December 28. — Mercantile paper, 4@4¼; sterling sixty day bills, 4.71¼; commercial 60-day bills, on banks, 4 71¼; commercial 60-day bills, 4.71; demand, 4.75¾; cables, 4.76 7-16. Bar silver, 75⅝; Mexican dollars, 58¼. Government bonds, steady; railroad bonds, easier. Time loans, steady; sixty days, 4¼@4½; ninety days, 4@4¼; six months, 3¾@4.

STOCKS AGAIN DEPRESSED

Speculative Favorites Subject to Fresh Liquidation—Rails Yielded Only Moderately.

New York, Dec. 28.—With international affairs—the German peace proposals and the Mexican situation — again looming large on the financial horizon, the stock market today experienced another depression.

Speculative favorites, particularly those which suffered most in the recent severe reversals, were subject to fresh liquidation. Extreme recessions ran from 3 to 10 points in these groups with here and there some feeble rallies at the close. A few actual gains were scored and rails for the most part yielded only moderately.

Prices were heavy at the start, but made their greatest declines after the publication on Wall Street news tickers of what purported to be a second note from Germany, which was regarded as bearing adversely on the peace situation. Although this communication proved to be a delayed forecast of the Berlin note of the early week the market failed to recover except in the case of isolated specialties. The heavy selling of Mexicans indicated renewed apprehension in that quarter.

United States Steel was in free supply at a gross loss of 3 3-8 points, with virtually no recovery, and allied stocks broke 3 to 5 points, with 14 for Gulf States Steel, 3 to 5 for petroleums, coppers and sugars, and about as much for other specialties whose course has always been guided by the munitions and equipments.

There were some confusing cross currents, notably in shipping shares, Atlantic, Gulf and West Indies showing an extreme loss of over eight points, while Mercantile Marines were actually strong.

Weakness extended to the bond list. Total sales of bonds, par value, amounted to $4,035,000. U. S. bonds unchanged on call.

NEW YORK STOCK LIST.

Allis-Chalmers	27
American Beet Sugar	89
American Can	46¼
American Car and Foundry	64½
American Cotton Oil	B. 48½
American Locomotive	76½
American Smelting	103
American Sugar	108½
American Tel. and Tel.	125
American Tobacco	B.214
American Zinc	36⅞
Anaconda Copper	80½
Atchison	104
Atlantic Coast Line	B.116½
Baldwin Locomotive	56⅝
Baltimore and Ohio	84
Bethlehem Steel	B.490
Canadian Pacific	165½
Central Leather	82
Chesapeake and Ohio	65½
Chicago, Mil. and St. Paul	91¼
Chicago, R. I. and Pac. Ry	34¼
Colorado Fuel and Iron	44¾
Consolidated Gas	131¼
Corn Products	223¼
Crucible Steel	59¾
Cuba Cane Sugar	47½
Erie	34½
General Electric	166½
Great Northern, pfd	117¾
Great Northern Ore Ctfs	34⅞
Goodrich	60¼
Illinois Central	105
Inspiration Copper	55⅞
Int. Mer. Marine, pfd	16⅜
International Nickel	41½
International Paper	44½
Kansas City Southern	24¾
Kennecott Copper	48
Lehigh Valley	79⅜
Louisville and Nashville	132½
Liggett and Meyers	B.286
Lorillard Co	B.222
Maxwell Motors	47½
Mexican Petroleum	91¼
National Lead	58⅝
New York Central	104
N. Y., N. H. and Hartford	51⅜
Norfolk and Western	135
Northern Pacific	110
Pennsylvania	56⅞
Ray Consolidated Copper	25⅛
Reading	102
Rep. Iron and Steel	76½
Seaboard Air Line	16⅜
Seaboard Air Line, pfd	B. 38
Sloss-Sheff. Steel and Iron	61
Studebaker Corporation	104⅝
Southern Pacific	96⅞
Southern Railway	31⅞
Southern Railway, pfd	70
Tennessee Copper	16½
Texas Co	222½
Union Pacific	147
United Fruit	149
United States Rubber	61½
United States Steel	105
Unted States Steel, pfd	120
Utah Copper	99⅞
Virginia-Caro. Chem	43¼
Wabash, Pfd., "B"	30
Western Union	96⅝
Westinghouse Electric	55¼
Missouri Pacific, w. i.	32⅞

COTTON SEED OIL MARKET.

New York, Dec. 28. — Cotton seed oil was lower, under scattered liquidation on the decline in lard, easier trend of other oils and greases, and lack of outside support. May regained the early loss, but other positions were 2 to 3 points net lower. No tenders were put out. Sales, 16,700 barrels. Closed steady. Spot, 12.17 bid; January, 12.19@12.21; February, 12.06@12 20; March, 12.07@12.08; April, 12.09@12.11; May, 12.10@12.12; June, 12.07@12.15; July, 12.13@12.17; August, 12.16@12.22.

CHICAGO LIVE STOCK.

Chicago, Dec. 28.—Hogs—Weak, at 10c. advance. Bulk, 10.25@10.65; light, 9.80@10.50; mixed, 10.10@10.75; heavy, 10.20@10.80; rough, 10.20@10.35; pigs, 7.75@9.40.

Cattle—Steady. Native beef cattle, 7.20@11.80; Western steers, 7.25@10.00; stockers, 5.20@8.15; cows and heifers, 4.20@10.00; calves, 8.75@12.50.

Sheep—Strong. Wethers, 9.10@10.25; ewes, 6.40@9.75; lambs, 11.25@13.50.

NEW YORK LIVE STOCK.

New York, December 28. — Beeves—No trading.

Calves—Steady. Veals, 10.00@15.00; culls, 9.00.

Sheep and Lambs—Steady. Sheep, ewes, 6.50@8.50; culls, 5.00; lambs, 13.00.

Hogs—No trading.

DRY GOODS MARKET.

New York, December 28. — Cotton goods were steadier today. Yarns were quiet. Men's wear openings attracted many buyers. Raw silk was firmer.

THE WEATHER.

United States Department of Agriculture—Weather Bureau.

December 29, 1916.

Meteorological data for the day ending at 8 P. M., yesterday:

Temperature at 8 A. M., 62 degrees; at 8 P. M., 64 degrees; maximum, 78 degrees; minimum, 59 degrees; mean, 68 degrees.

Rainfall for the day, .02 inch; rainfall for the month, to date, 1.14 inches.

Stage of water in Cape Fear river at Fayetteville, at 8 A. M., yesterday, 4.9 feet.

THE WEATHER.

For North Carolina—Fair and colder Friday; Saturday fair, colder southeast portion; moderate northwest and north winds.

The Port Calendar, Dec. 29, 1916.

Sun rises ..... 7:17 A. M.

Sun sets ..... 5:12 P. M.

Day's length ..... 9 hrs. 55 min.

THE TIDES.

	High water. A.M.	P.M.	Low water. A.M.	P.M.
Wilmington	12:58	1:38	8:22	8:54
Southport	11:24	11:57	5:17	5:54
Masonboro Inl	11:13	11:46	4:57	5:34

WEATHER BUREAU REPORTS
December 29, 1916.

STATIONS:	Weather at 8 P. M.	Highest today.	Lowest Last night.	Precipitation at 8 P.M.
	Temperature:			
Abilene	clear	60	30	.0
Asheville	clear	56	56	.42
Atlanta	clear	62	48	1.04
Augusta	cldy	68	54	.08
Baltimore	clear	44	—	.38
Birmingh.	cldy	58	56	1.30
Boston	clear	44	32	.08
Charleston	cldy	68	56	.12
Charlotte	cldy	60	46	.22
Chicago	clear	22	66	.0
Galveston	clear	60	56	.08
Jacksonv.	clear	80	64	.02
Memphis	clear	48	38	.01
Mobile	rain	68	62	.40
Montgom'y	cldy	68	62	1.24
New Orl.	cldy	72	72	.54
New York	clear	42	34	.52
Oklahoma	clear	58	26	.0
Palestine	clear	64	44	.0
Pittsburg	clear	38	30	.22
Raleigh	cldy	64	52	.12
Savannah	cldy	76	60	.01
Shreveport	clear	64	46	.0
St. Louis	clear	36	26	.0
Washing'n	clear	44	38	.56

SAVANNAH NAVAL STORES.

Savannah, Dec. 28. — Turpentine, firm, 51; sales, 336; receipts, 336; shipments, none; stock, 23,364.

Rosin—Firm. Sales, 1,442; receipts, 1,705; shipments, none; stock, 97,233. Quote: A, B, C, D, F, G, 6.15; H, 6.20; I, 6.25; K, 6.40; M, 6.60; N, 6.85; W G, 7.00; W W, 7.25.

NEW YORK PROVISIONS.

New York, December 28. — Raw sugar, firm; centrifugal, 5.14; molasses, 4.27; refined, easy.

Coffee—Spot, steady; Rio, No. 7, 9¾; Santos, No. 4s, 10¾.

DISTANCED THE BEAR.

Race Changes as Man Discovers He Forgot to Load Gun.

(West Milford, N. J., Special.)

John Fly, of this town, chased a black bear for more than a half mile early this morning. The exercise finally became too strenuous for the animal and he came to a stop. As he did so Fly pulled the trigger. He discovered he had forgotten to load his rifle and returned home, covering the course back in about half the time he made going, and minus his hat and gun.

Fly had been awakened by the barking of his six dogs. From a window he saw them gilvng battle to the bear, which was trying to get into the hen house. The battle lasted long enough for Fly to dress. Then he grabbed his gun and when the animal saw him the chase down the road began.

"I never got close enough to fire until we reached some woods," Fly said, "when the bear stopped. But when I found I had forgotten to load my gun I learned home was the place for me, and started. The bear made after me, but gave up, after he saw the speed he was up against."

Mrs. Fly said the only manner in which she could account for her husband's loss of his hat was that his hair stuck up on end and lifted it off.

NEW ORLEANS PROSPERS.

Mayor Behrman Proud of Docks in His City.

(From the Washington Post.)

Mayor Martin Behrman, of New Orleans, on January 1 will enter upon his fourth consecutive term as mayor of that city. The mayor is in Washington attending the Rivers and Harbors Congress. He recently recovered from a serious illness that confined him to his bed for several weeks. Mayor Behrman is looking forward to the biggest winter season the Crescent City has ever known.

"New Orleans has never enjoyed greater prosperity than it has in the last two or three years," said Mayor Behrman. "We have had in the last few months numerous conventions, and the racing season, which will begin on January 1 and last until the Mardi Gras, will, doubtless, bring thousands of visitors.

"Ours is the first city in the South, and for that matter in the country, perhaps, to establish a system of State and municipal docks and terminals. We have some of the finest docks owned by the State that can be built and the terminals are owned by the city. These institutions have attracted a great many visitors from all over the country and New Orleans is on the high wave of prosperity.

"I presume that in the course of the year more than 250,000 tourists have visited New Orleans and the city will be thronged this winter as never before."

Berlin, via London, Dec. 28.—Answering a strong popular demand, the president of police has issued an order permitting restaurants and places of amusement to keep open New Year's night until 1 o'clock.

J. F. LEITNER,
Architect
27, 28, 29 Garrell Building.

ATLANTIC COAST LINE

Arrivals and Departures of Trains at Wilmington, Effective Nov. 12, 1916. Time Not Guaranteed.

DEPARTURES	TO AND FROM	ARRIVALS
No. 90 8:40 A. M. Daily except Sunday.	Goldsboro, Richmond, Norfolk and Eastern North Carolina points. Connects at Goldsboro with Southern Railway and Norfolk Southern Railroad.	No. 91 1:15 A. M. Daily except Monday.
No. 51 5:30 A. M. Daily.	Chadbourn, Conway, Florence, Charleston, Savannah, Jacksonville, Tampa, St. Petersburg, Ft. Myers, Columbia and Asheville. Pullman Sleeping Cars between Wilmington and Columbia open to receive outbound passengers at Wilmington at and after 10:00 P. M., and may be occupied, inbound, until 7:00 A. M.	No. 50 12:20 A. M. Daily.
No. 64 5:15 A. M. Mon., Wed. and Fri. only	Jacksonville, New Bern and Intermediate stations.	No. 65 6:15 P. M. Mon., Wed. and Fri. only.
No. 48 8:00 A. M. Daily.	Goldsboro, Richmond, Norfolk and Washington. **Parlor cars between Wilmington and Norfolk, connecting at Rocky Mount with New York trains having Pullman service.**	No. 49 6:05 P. M. Daily.
No. 53 8:45 A. M. Daily.	Solid train between Wilmington and Mt. Airy, via Fayetteville and Sanford.	No. 52 8:00 P. M. Daily.
No. 62 3:05 P. M. Daily.	Jacksonville, New Bern and intermediate stations.	No. 63 12:30 P. M. Daily.
No. 55 3:45 P. M. Daily.	Chadbourn, Florence, Columbia, Augusta, Atlanta and the West. Charleston, Savannah and all Florida points. All Steel Pullman Sleeping Cars between Wilmington, Augusta and Atlanta. **Sleeping cars daily between Florence and Columbia,** which may be occupied at Columbia until 7:00 A. M.	No. 54 12:50 P. M. Daily.
No. 59 6:30 P. M. Tuesday, Thursday and Sat. only.	Fayetteville and intermediate stations.	No. 60 10:15 A. M. Tuesday, Thursday and Sat. only.
No. 42 6:45 P. M. Daily.	Goldsboro, Richmond, Norfolk, Washington and New York. Pullman Broiler, Buffet Sleeping Cars between Wilmington and Washington, connecting with New York Trains, carrying dining cars; also Pullman Sleeping Cars between Wilmington and Norfolk.	No. 41 9:50 A. M. Daily.

For folders, reservations, rates of fares, etc., call 'phone 160.

W. J. CRAIG, Passenger Traffic Manager. T. C. WHITE, General Passenger Agent.

WILMINGTON, N. C.

SUBURBAN SCHEDULE

IN EFFECT DECEMBER 4 1916.

WINTER PARK, WRIGHTSVILLE, WRIGHTSVILLE BEACH

WEEK DAYS

EASTBOUND: Leave "Electric Centre" for Winter Park	Leave "Electric Centre" for Wrightsville	Leave "Electric Centre" for Beach	WESTBOUND: Leave Beach for Wilmington	Leave Wrightsville for Wilmington	Leave Winter Park for Wilmington
6:30 A.M.	6:30 A.M.	6:30 A.M.	.....	6:15 A.M.	6:26 A.M.
6:50 A.M.	6:50 A.M.	.....	7:40 A.M.	7:50 A.M.	8:01 A.M.
8:00 A.M.	8:00 A.M.	.....	.....	8:30 A.M.	8:41 A.M.
8:30 A.M.	8:30 A.M.	8:30 A.M.	9:15 A.M.	9:25 A.M.	9:36 A.M.
10:00 A.M.	10:00 A.M.	10:00 A.M.	10:45 A.M.	10:55 A.M.	11:06 A.M.
11:30 A.M.	11:30 A.M.	11:30 A.M.	12:15 P.M.	12:25 P.M.	12:36 P.M.
1:10 P.M.	1:10 P.M.	*1:10 P.M.	11:45 P.M.	1:50 P.M.	2:01 P.M.
1:55 P.M.	1:55 P.M.	.....	.....	2:25 P.M.	2:36 P.M.
2:30 P.M.	2:30 P.M.	.....	.....	3:00 P.M.	3:11 P.M.
3:00 P.M.	3:00 P.M.	3:00 P.M.	.....	.....	3:50 P.M.
3:30 P.M.	.....	.....	3:45 P.M.	3:55 P.M.	4:06 P.M.
4:10 P.M.	.....	.....	.....	.....	4:30 P.M.
4:30 P.M.	4:30 P.M.	4:30 P.M.	.....	.....	5:10 P.M.
4:50 P.M.	.....	.....	5:15 P.M.	5:25 P.M.	5:36 P.M.
5:30 P.M.	5:30 P.M.	.....	.....	6:00 P.M.	6:11 P.M.
6:10 P.M.	6:10 P.M.	.....	.....	6:40 P.M.	6:51 P.M.
6:40 P.M.	6:40 P.M.	*6:40 P.M.	17:15 P.M.	7:20 P.M.	7:31 P.M.
7:15 P.M.	7:15 P.M.	.....	.....	7:55 P.M.	8:06 P.M.
8:15 P.M.	8:15 P.M.	.....	.....	8:45 P.M.	8:56 P.M.
9:15 P.M.	9:15 P.M.	9:15 P.M.	10:00 P.M.	10:10 P.M.	10:21 P.M.
10:15 P.M.	10:15 P.M.	.....	.....	10:45 P.M.	10:56 P.M.
11:15 P.M.	11:15 P.M.	.....	.....	11:45 P.M.	11:56 P.M.

*Does not go beyond Station No. 3 on Beach. ‡Leaves from Station No. 3.

SUNDAYS

EASTBOUND: Leave "electric Center." for Winter Park	Leave "electric Center." for Wrightsville	Leave "electric Center." for Beach	WESTBOUND: Leave Beach for Wilmington	Leave Wrightsville for Wilmington	Leave Winter Park for Wilmington
6:30 A.M.	6:30 A.M.	*6:30 A.M.	17:05 A.M.	7:15 A.M.	7:26 A.M.
8:30 A.M.	8:30 A.M.	8:30 A.M.	19:05 A.M.	9:15 A.M.	9:26 A.M.
10:00 A.M.	10:00 A.M.	10:00 A.M.	.....	10:20 A.M.	10:31 A.M.
11:30 A.M.	11:30 A.M.	11:30 A.M.	10:45 A.M.	10:55 A.M.	11:06 A.M.
1:00 P.M.	1:00 P.M.	1:00 P.M.	12:15 P.M.	12:25 P.M.	12:36 P.M.
2:00 P.M.	2:00 P.M.	2:00 P.M.	1:45 P.M.	1:55 P.M.	2:06 P.M.
2:30 P.M.	2:30 P.M.	2:30 P.M.	2:45 P.M.	2:55 P.M.	3:06 P.M.
3:00 P.M.	3:00 P.M.	3:00 P.M.	3:15 P.M.	3:25 P.M.	3:36 P.M.
3:30 P.M.	3:30 P.M.	3:30 P.M.	3:45 P.M.	3:55 P.M.	4:06 P.M.
4:00 P.M.	4:00 P.M.	4:00 P.M.	4:15 P.M.	4:25 P.M.	4:36 P.M.
4:30 P.M.	4:30 P.M.	4:30 P.M.	4:45 P.M.	4:55 P.M.	5:06 P.M.
5:00 P.M.	5:00 P.M.	5:00 P.M.	5:15 P.M.	5:25 P.M.	5:36 P.M.
5:30 P.M.	5:30 P.M.	.....	5:45 P.M.	5:55 P.M.	6:06 P.M.
6:10 P.M.	6:10 P.M.	.....	.....	6:00 P.M.	6:11 P.M.
6:40 P.M.	6:40 P.M.	*6:40 P.M.	.....	6:40 P.M.	6:51 P.M.
7:15 P.M.	7:15 P.M.	.....	17:15 P.M.	7:20 P.M.	7:31 P.M.
8:15 P.M.	8:15 P.M.	.....	.....	7:55 P.M.	8:06 P.M.
9:15 P.M.	9:15 P.M.	9:15 P.M.	.....	8:45 P.M.	8:56 P.M.
10:15 P.M.	10:15 P.M.	.....	10:00 P.M.	10:10 P.M.	10:21 P.M.
11:15 P.M.	11:15 P.M.	.....	.....	10:45 P.M.	10:56 P.M.
.....	.....	.....	.....	11:45 P.M.	11:56 P.M.

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FREIGHT SCHEDULE (DAILY EXCEPT SUNDAY.)

Leave Ninth and Orange Streets, 3:30 P. M.
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SAYS ATTEMPT WAS MADE TO MURDER BRITISH SURVIVORS

Admiralty Statement on Torpedoing of Steamer Westminster.

London, Dec. 28.—The admiralty has given to the Associated Press the following statement concerning the sinking of the British steamer Westminster, which was reported lost on December 18:

"The degree of savagery the Germans have attained in their submarine policy appears to have reached a climax in the sinking of the Westminster, which was proceeding from Torre Annunziata to Port Said in ballast. On December 14, when 250 miles from the nearest land, the Westminster was attacked by a German submarine without warning and was struck by two torpedoes in quick succession which killed four men. The Westminster sank in four minutes.

"This ruthless disregard for the rules of international law was followed by a deliberate attempt to murder the survivors. The officers and crew while effecting their escape in boats were shelled by the submarine at a range of 3,000 yards. The master and chief engineer were killed outright. Their boat was sunk. The second and third engineers were not picked up; it is presumed they were drowned.

"The captain of the submarine must have sufficed himself of the effectiveness of his two torpedoes, yet he proceeded to carry out in cold blood an act of murder which could not possibly be justified by any urgency of war and can only be regarded in the eyes of the world as a further proof of the degradation of German honor and morale."

PRESIDENT AND SECRETARY LANSING ADOPT POLICY OF SILENCE REGARDING PEACE

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tion of the President (the) noble initiative of the President looking to the creation of bases for the foundation of a lasting peace.

"The President discloses the aim which lies next to his heart and leaves the choice of the way open.

"A direct exchange of views appears to the imperial government as the most suitable way of arriving at the desired result. The imperial government has the honor, therefore, in the sense of its declaration of the 12th instant, which offered the hand for peace negotiations, to propose speedy assembly on neutral ground of delegates of the warring states.

"It is also the view of the imperial government that the great work for the prevention of future wars can first be taken up only after the ending of the present conflict of exhaustion. The imperial government is ready, when this point has been reached, to co-operate with the United States at this sublime task."

The text of the Austrian note sent through Ambassador Penfield follows:

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"Aide memoire. In reply to the aide memoire communicated on the 22nd instant by his excellency, the American ambassador, containing the proposals of the President of the United States of America for an exchange of views among the powers at present at war for the eventual establishment of peace, the imperial and royal government desires particularly to point out that in considering the noble proposal of the President, it is guided by the same spirit of amity and complaisance as finds expression therein.

"The President desires to establish a basis for a lasting peace without wishing to indicate the ways and means. The imperial and royal government considers a direct exchange of views among the belligerents to be the most suitable way of attaining this end. Adverting to its declaration of the 12th instant, in which it announced its readiness to enter into peace negotiations, it now has the honor to propose that representatives of the belligernt powrs convene at an early date at some place on neutral ground.

"The imperial and royal government likewise concurs in the opinion of the Presidentthat only after the termination of the present war will it be possible to undertake the great and desirable work of the prevention of future wars. At an appropriate time it will be willing to co-operate with the United States of America for the realization of this noble aim."

PROMINENT SWISS MEN WIRE CONGRATULATIONS TO WILSON

Geneva, via Paris, Dec. 28.—A group of leading men at Zurich has telegraphed congratulations to President Wilson as a result of his taking the initiative in behalf of peace.

RESERVE BANK DIVIDENDS

Six Per cent. Declared by the Banks at Richmond and Atlanta.

Richmond, Va., Dec. 28.—The Federal Reserve Bank of Richmond today declared a six per cent. dividend for the period from January 1, 1916, to November 1, 1916.

Atlanta, Ga., Dec. 28.—The Federal Reserve Bank of Atlanta today declared a dividend of six per cent. on its capital stock for the period from January 1, 1916, to June 30, 1916.

EIGHT FOUND GUILTY

Charged With Using Mails to Defraud in Sale of Wild Horses.

Omaha, Neb., Dec. 28.—The jury in the case of 11 defendants charged with use of the mails to defraud in sales of wild horses in Coconino county, Arizona, late today returned a verdict of guilty against eight defendants and found two not guilty. One defendant was dismissed by the judge.

DESERVES GOLD MEDAL FOR THIS

Cincinnati Authority Tells How to Dry Up a Corn So It Lifts Out.

You corn-pestered men and women need suffer no longer. Wear the shoes that nearly killed you before, says this Cincinnati authority, because a few drops of freezone applied directly on a tender, aching corn stops soreness at once and soon the corn loosens so it can be lifted out, root and all, without pain.

A quarter of an ounce of freezone costs very little at any drug store, but is sufficient to take off every hard or soft corn or callous. This should be tried, as it is inexpensive and is said not to inflame or even irritate the surrounding tissue or skin.

RESERVE BANK AGENCIES MAY BE EXTENDED

Is Regarded as Fertile Financial Field For American Business.

Washington, Dec. 28.—Recent authorization given the Federal Reserve Bank of New York to appoint the Bank of England as its agent in London and the probable appointment of the Bank of France as agent in France and other foreign agents through Europe in all liklihood will be followed, in time, by the appointment of strong financial institutions in similar capacities in Japan, China and Australia.

Officials are looking to the Orient as a fertile financial field for the growth of American business and the establishment of connections there, and, while not under formal consideration at present, is favored by some members of the board.

Arrangements under which the Bank of England will be appointed London agent of the New York bank probably will not be perfected for several months. Operations with banks at London and elsewhere in Europe, in the opinion of officials here, will be negligible during the war compared with operations which will follow.

HORSES MISTAKEN BY THE GUARDSMEN FOR SNIPERS

Mexican General Gives This is Probable Cause for Exchange of Shots

El Paso, Texas, Dec. 28.—In an effort to stop further sniping at the American outposts here, the Carranza authorities in Juarez arrested a Mexican civilian said to have been drinking and searched him for fire arms on the Mexican side of the Rio Grande, near the scene of the trouble, it was announced in Juarez tonight.

Mexican Consul Soriano Bravo said tonight that General Jose Murguia, commander at Juarez, attributed last night's outbreak to some loose horses which were wandering in the bend of the Rio Grande. The American Guardsmen, General Murguia said, according to Consul Bravo, evidently mistook the horses for hostile Mexicans and opened fire. A few shots were probably sent from the Mexican side in answer but only after the Americans had fired first, in Murguia's opinion, Consul Bravo said he heard on good authority that American regular army officers on the scene confirmed the Mexican contention that the Guardsmen fired first.

RUSSIAN SHIP ARRIVES.

Was First to Reach New York in Nearly Three Months.

New York, Dec. 28.—For the first time in nearly three months a ship flying the Russian flag tied up today at a New York pier. She was the steamship Vologda, out of Archangel December 3, and is here in ballast to take cargo for an as yet unnamed port.

Prior to early September, a regular service was maintained between this port and Archangel, Russia, by vessels of the Russian volunteer fleet, but these, for an unexplained reason, were withdrawn from the New York service and little has been heard of them since. Persons associated with Russian shipping think that the vessels are being used to transport supplies from England to Russia via the ice-free port of Kola bay, under the protection of war craft.

Officers of the Vologda refused to say anything about their voyage from Archangel.

JOIN "NIGHT-WATCH" SERVICE

Will be Held by Southern and Northern Methodists in New Orleans.

New Orleans, Dec. 28.—Local members of the Southern and Northern branches of the Methodist Episcopal church will attend a joint "watch night" service, New Year's Eve, it was announced tonight. According to members of the committee arranging the programme the services Sunday will mark the first joint meeting here of members of the two branches of the church since the organization of the Southern branch in 1845.

SHOWMEN TO ORGANIZE

Committee is Appointed to Effect a Permanent Organization.

New York, Dec. 28.—Troubles of the outdoor showmen were discussed at a meeting here today at which a committee was appointed to effect a permanent organization through which the showmen say they hope to correct erroneous impressions that work to their disvantage throughout the country. Chief among the latter, it was said, is the general distrust engendered by the word "showman."

PROF. YOUNG ELECTED.

Cornell Man Chosen President of Statistical Association.

Columbus, O., Dec. 28.—Prof. Allyn F. Young, of Cornell University, was elected president of the American Statistical Association, succeeding Dr. Charles P. Neill, at a meeting here today. The American Sociological Society and the American Economic Association will close their conventions here tomorrow after electing officers. The American Association for Labor Legislation holds its final session in Cincinnati Saturday.

MISS JULIA WILLIAMS WEDS

Daughter of Mississippi Senator the Bride of Savannah Man

Washington, Dec. 28.—Miss Julia Fulton Williams, daughter of Senator and Mrs. John Sharp Williams, of Mississippi, and Thomas Rives Boykin, of Savannah, were married tonight at the senator's home, the Rev. Andrew R. Bird, of the Second Presbyterian church, officiating. Only relatives and a few close friends attended the ceremony. Mr. and Mrs. Boykin will live in Savannah.

DAVID CAPLAN SENTENCED

Given Ten Years in San Quentin Penitentiary—May Appeal.

Los Angeles, Cal., Dec. 28.—David Caplan, last of the alleged dynamiters, brought to trial for the destruction of the Los Angeles Times building in 1910 when 20 men were killed, was sentenced today to ten years in San Quentin penitentiary on a charge of manslaughter. The court granted a certificate of probable cause for April which will suspend execution of sentence until there is a decision upon Caplan's expected appeal.

Charged With Housebreaking.

LeRoy Robinson, colored, will face trial in the Recorder's court this morning on a charge of housebreaking. He was arrested last night on a warrant sworn out by Mary Howard, likewise colored, who alleges that he stole a pair of shoes from her home some time ago.

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RUSSIA IS STILL MORE HOSTILE TO MOVE FOR PEACE

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Swiss reports as far as saying that the young emperor is eager to work for peace.

It is generally recognized, says the correspondent, that the emperor, after he has been crowned king of Hungary and taken the oath to the constitution in the Austrian parliament will try to re-establish peace. There is little doubt that he will use his influence on Germany in as friendly a way as is possible and if this influence should fail, will use other kinds of pressure on Germany which Germany will be unable to endure for long.

DETECTIVE CROWLEY DENIES TESTIMONY OF L. J. SMITH

Takes Stand in Own Behalf and Tells of "Important Discoveries"

San Francisco, Cal., Dec. 28.—Charles C. Crowley, a private detective, charged by Louis J. Smith, the government's chief witness, with complicity in a conspiracy to blow up ships and railroads carrying munitions to the Entente Allies, to which Smith confessed on the witness stand, denied Smith's charges today in the government's prosecution of Franz Bopp, German consul general here, and six others for alleged violation of American neutrality.

Crowley, who is a defendant, said his trips into Canada and along the border which the prosecution introduced in evidence, had been confined to investigations of alleged violation by Entente nations of the neutrality of the United States.

Among important facts uncovered, Crowley said, were that a Lieutenant Johnston, of the United States Navy, had resigned to become a submarine assembling expert for Russia and that parts of American-made aeroplanes, destined for British use, were at one time stored in the New York militia armory at Buffalo.

BIG CONTRACT CLOSED

French Railroad Places Order for 100 Heavy Baldwin Locomotives.

Philadelphia, Dec. 28.—A contract for 100 heavy freight locomotives from the Paris, Lyons and Mediterranean railroad company of France, was closed today by the Baldwin Locomotive Works of this city. The order, according to the announcement, amounts to about $4,000,000 and is supplementary to the contract for 40 locomotives placed by the same railroad several weeks ago.

Paris, Dec. 28.—Georges Dufayel, founder of the large Paris stores bearing his name, is dead.

FRESH GAINS IN WALLACHIA MADE BY THE TEUTONS

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282,000. Included among the boats sunk are a French gunboat, a troop transport, four steamships loaded with war material and a French submarine convoying 14 coal steamers.

In addition Captain Valentiner has had numerous engagements with armed hostile ships carrying two-inch guns mounted. It was his submarine which shelled Funchal, Madeira Island, early this month and sank in the Funchal harbor the French gunboat Surprise and the steamships Dacia and Kanguroo.

BULGARIA

Berlin, via Sayville, Dec. 28.—The Bulgarian headquarters report of December 27 as received here says:

"Hostile monitors have shelled Isakishe, Tultcha and Mahmadia (all on the Danube in Dobrudja). The fourth Bulgarian division, after most tenacious fighting, conquered the heights at Tailor and were able to sally from the woods to Luncavitza (on the river north of Matchin).

"During the last combats the fourth division has captured 1,250 Russians, four machine guns and more than 2,500 rifles."

ENGLAND.

London, Dec. 29.—The official communication from British headquarters issued last night reads:

"After a heavy bombardment three parties of the enemy attempted early this morning to raid our trenches northwest of Gommecourt. Two of the parties were driven back by our fire before reaching our trenches; the third reached the trenches, but was immediately ejected.

"During the night the enemy fired a great number of gas shells at places behind our front line in the neighborhood of Arras and west and northwest of Lens.

"There was considerable artillery activity today on both sides in the Somme area and the Ypres sector.

"A number of fights in the air took place yesterday. Three hostile machines were destroyed. Three others were driven down in a damagd condition."

Louisville, Ky., Dec. 28.—Resolutions asking congressional action for the relief of present countrywide scarcity of news print paper were telegraphed tonight to the Kentucky representatives and senators by the Kentucky Press Association, which began a two days session here today.

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